



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WPTF

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WPTF PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

WPTF operates an "All News, All Day" format that includes "in-depth" news coverage. Many of the "news segments" that air each weekday deal with issues of politics, economy, human relations, morality, and other general topics affecting the community and our listeners in the Raleigh-Durham area. In 24-hours, 680 WPTF airs 12 hours of news programming and 12 hours of informative talk programming each weekday.

1. North Carolina's Early Morning News and Morning News (Monday - Friday, 5:00 am - 10:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson, Brian Freeman, and Donna Martinez focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and traffic and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this weekday program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their day started. The program includes updates from CBS Market Watch. There are regular guest appearances by people in the political, tech, business, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

2. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the entertainment, local news, political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

3. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Scott Briggaman which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

4. North Carolina's Afternoon News (Monday - Friday, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Marla Roth focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

5. North Carolina's Evening News (Monday - Friday, (5:00 pm-7:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Bruce Ferrell focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

6. Clark Howard (Monday - Friday, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

The nationally produced Clark Howard show is helping millions of Americans through all types of financial trouble. He simplifies complex issues, allays fears, and offers sound advice to help families thrive during financial crisis. In addition to the program, listeners are kept up to date with news updates from CBS and WPTF News.

7. Open Line (Monday - Friday 9 pm -10 pm)

Hosted by long time WPTF staff member Tom Kearney, this show spans a wide gamut of issues including current events, sports and pop culture. Guest experts normally participate in the show and calls are

taken from local listeners as well as many others within range of WPTF's 50,000 watt night time signal via a toll-free number.

8. Dr. Joy Browne

(Monday - Friday 10:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Nationally syndicated talk radio show focused on helping people deal with different life difficulties.

9. Red-Eye Radio

(Monday – Sunday, 1:00 am – 5:00 am, Saturday, to 7:00 am)

Nationally syndicated, Red-Eye Radio is the country's national clearinghouse of information, thoughts and opinions on numerous issues. Katie Award Winning hosts Eric Harley and Gary McNamara engage their millions of listeners and callers with the major issues of the day including current events, legislation, popular culture, family issues, detailed national weather forecasts, safety tips and interviews with trucking industry leaders.

10. WPTF News:

WPTF broadcasts world, national and local news at the top and bottom of every hour 24 hours a day. Newscasts also include sports and weather. Breaking news is broadcast immediately by WPTF's staff of six full-time news anchors/reporters plus the resources of CBS News. All major news events, such as a State of the Union speech are carried live. Some examples of local news stories during the 1st quarter are listed at the end of this report, along with date, time and issue.

11. WPTF Traffic Reports:

WPTF broadcasts local traffic weekdays from 5 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 7 pm. Reports are aired at :08, :18, :28, :38, :48 and :58. Each report runs from a full minute in length and are produced locally within WPTF's studios by the Triangle Traffic Network

In addition to the weekday programs, WPTF airs numerous weekend programs in the public interest:

12. North Carolina's Morning News – Saturday (Saturdays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by Dave Richmond focused on world, national and local news, plus weather and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their Saturday started. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

13. Weekend Gardner:

(Saturdays, 8:00 am – 11:00 am)

A locally-produced talk show that has experts fielding listener's calls about plants and gardening.

14. Dining Out with Greg Cox:

(Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

A locally produced restaurant review program featuring News and Observer food critic Greg Cox and hosted by Dave Richmond. Greg gives listeners the inside scoop on eateries all over the Triangle covering all food categories, new restaurants and secret places to eat.

15. The Trader's Edge

(Saturdays, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

Sponsored by "Online Trading Academy, this regionally syndicated, "paid," program, hosted by Scott Tansill, advises investors on methods and strategies to make money in the stock market.

16. Joe Wade Formicola:

(Saturdays, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

Locally produced call in show that centers on topical news and debate on anything from entertainment to the latest in politics. Joe Wade offers up whatever is on his or his listener's minds with little to no holding back.

17. The Money Pit Home Improvement Show (Saturdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated and hosted by Leslie Segrete and Tom Kraeutler, Money Pit gives listeners advice and information on making home improvements, and solving home repair and maintenance troubles.

18. Into Tomorrow with Dave Graveline (Saturdays, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated "Into Tomorrow" covers the latest in consumer electronics and technology. The program, hosted by Dave Graveline, is a dynamic blend of listener interaction and insightful and informative guests speaking on a variety of topics related to technology.

19. Sunday Morning Music (Sundays, 6:00 am – 7:00 am)

There's nothing better to start a Sunday Morning than light, reflective music. Paul Michels hosts.

20. Carolina Newsmakers (Sundays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally produced, public affairs, programming highlighting local and state newsmakers discussing various topics. Hosted by Don Curtis.

21. Editors Roundtable (Sundays, 8:00 am – 8:30 am)

Hosted by Don Curtis, this locally produced program reviews various stories in the news. Don is joined by Jason Kong, David Stuckey and Brian Freeman who comment on the stories presented.

22. CBS Weekend Roundup (Sundays, 8:30 am – 9:00 am & 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

Produced by CBS News and hosted by Dan Raviv, this program wraps up the week's news and goes deep into the tough stories.

23. People in Politics (Sundays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am)

A locally produced, public affairs, program that centers on what's happening in state government political circles. Hosted by Donna Martinez.

24. Religious Programming: (Sundays, 10:00 am - 12 noon)

WPTF broadcasts live the morning worship services of Edenton Street United Methodist Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church on alternate Sundays.

25. Triangle Trader (Sundays, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.)

Host "Trader Dave" Alexander takes calls from listeners, who are allowed to announce items they have for sale.

26. The Wine Crush (Sundays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

The Wine Crush is a one hour dynamic, fast-paced lifestyle program that not only explains and demystifies the world of wine, but demonstrates how wine can be integrated with everyday life. Host Laura Lawson is a veteran in the wine business who manages to couple her vast wine knowledge with her unique sense of humor and tactful sarcasm.

27. For Your Ears Only (Sundays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

For Your Ears Only (formerly Newsweek on Air) is a weekly radio program highlighting various items in the news. Anchored by David M. Alpern and Isaac Davy Aronson.

28. Money Matters (Sundays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

The hosts are Doug and Linda Lewis, certified financial planners, who answer questions about the economy, and personal finance. They deal with issues of 401K and other employer retirement plans, IRAs, Roth IRA's, etc. They discuss the markets, national, regional, and local financial news and the impact a story may have on the economy.

29. 60 Minutes (Sundays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

This nationally known television news show highlights news maker interviews and investigative reports along with celebrity guest interviews and commentary. 60 Minutes is presented live to listeners even when the television version is delayed.

30. That Cancer Show

(Sundays, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Cornucopia Cancer Support Center presents a forum for conversations about the cancer journey. The host-guest call-in show, called That Cancer Show™, provides the Triangle community an opportunity to ask questions and talk about their personal experiences with cancer.

31. Hall of Fame

(Sundays, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Curtis Media's founder, Don Curtis, takes listeners down a trip on Memory Lane with the hit songs of the past and the inside story about artists and the tunes.

32. NASCAR and NASCAR Live**(Schedule varies)**

Sprint Cup NASCAR races from the Motor Racing Network and the Performance Racing Network are heard on selected Saturdays and Sundays and each Tuesday evening at 7 pm NASCAR fans hear the latest news on upcoming races and events in the world of racing on NASCAR live from the Motor Racing Network.

**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RALEIGH-DURHAM
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

CODE ISSUE

AC	Arts & Culture	HSM	Health, Safety and Medical Affairs
CD	Crime/Drugs	HO	Housing
CR	Civil Rights & Activism	IA	International Affairs
EC	Economy/Employment	NS	National Security
ED	Education	PA	Political Affairs
EH	Environment/Health	RE	Religion
GA	Government Affairs	SO	Social Media
GR	Growth/Transportation/Roads	SP	Sports/Games/Races

WPTF news segments and interviews air as one-minute-thirty second to three-minute packages that air at various times during the day, within WPTF news hours.

AC-Arts & Culture

OCTOBER 1 – BREAKING BAD WRAPPED UP WITH A FINALE THAT HAS EVERYONE TALKING, INCLUDING THE KING OF TV PAUL GOBLE WHO WALKED WITH WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON ABOUT THE SHOW'S FINAL EPISODE. AC

OCTOBER 3 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JIM CLARK OF THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW RERUN WATCHERS CLUB ON THE 53RD BIRTHDAY OF "THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW" AC

OCTOBER 4 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA-TV TRIVIA-STEPHEN KEARNEY AS GUEST AC

OCTOBER 4 – DO YOU WANT TO GRAB SOME LAUGHS TONIGHT? HEAD DOWN TO LIVE LAUGHS AT THE LONGBRANCH. THIS WEEKEND'S COMEDIAN IS CHILI CHALLIS, A FORMER STAFF COMEDY WRITER FOR NBC'S TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO' AND HE TALKS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT HIS SHOW AND GIVES A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU CAN WATCH TONIGHT. AC

OCTOBER 4 – THINKING ABOUT HEADING DOWN TO THE THEATER THIS WEEKEND? KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN A LOOK AT THIS WEEKEND'S MOVIES. AC

OCTOBER 7 – A LITTLE MEDIEVAL CHEER IS COMING TO NORTH CAROLINA. THE CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL IS NOW IN ITS 20TH YEAR... AND IT'LL TAKE PLACE SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER 24TH IN HUNTERSVILLE. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKED TO THE FESTIVAL'S DIRECTOR OF ENTERTAINMENT MATT SIEGEL ABOUT WHAT WE CAN EXPECT. AC

OCTOBER 8 – IT'S A TALE AS OLD AS TIME AND AN ENCHANTING STORY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY. FROM TONIGHT UNTIL OCTOBER 13TH "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE DURHAM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. BRIAN FREEMAN SPEAKS WITH DARIK (DEREK) PEAD WHO PLAYS BEAST ABOUT PLAYING A CLASSIC ROLE. AC

OCTOBER 8 – SO HOW ARE NEW SITCOMS: SUPER FUN NIGHT, THE MILLERS AND SEAN SAVES THE WORLD? ARE THEY FUNNY? PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS WITH THE KING OF TV PAUL GOBLE ABOUT THESE NEW SHOWS. AC

OCTOBER 8 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. CHRIS FONVIELLE, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT UNC-WILMINGTON, ON THE CIVIL WAR IN WILMINGTON AND THE LOWER CAPE FEAR. AC

OCTOBER 9 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-HISTORIANS ELIZABETH WEICHAL AND STORMI SOUTER ON THEIR BOOK "LEGENDARY LOCALS OF RALEIGH" AC

OCTOBER 10 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-KEN HOWARD-DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY ON NEW EXHIBITS AT THE MUSEUM AC

OCTOBER 10 – MARRIAGE CELEBRATIONS HAVE DRASTICALLY EVOLVED OVER THE LAST DECADE, WITH NEW TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS-- AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES INVOLVES... SURPRISINGLY... HOW TO FINANCE THE WEDDING. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS ABOUT THIS CHANGING LANDSCAPE WITH LIZZIE POST... THE GREAT-GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE QUEEN OF ETIQUETTE, EMILY POST. AC

OCTOBER 11 – IT'S AN INTERSECTION OF ART AND AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN AS THE EXHIBIT "PORSCH BY DESIGN" OPENS THIS WEEKEND AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART.. BRUCE FERRELL GOT A PREVIEW FROM FAYE MITCHELL AT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES. AC

OCTOBER 14 – LEWIS BLACK IS RETURNING TO THE TRIANGLE, HE'LL BE AT D-PAC ON THIS THURSDAY. FOR TICKETS, IT'S D-PAC-N-C-DOT-COM. BLACK TALKED WITH OUR PATRICK JOHNSON, AND YOU'LL HEAR PARTS OF THAT INTERVIEW THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. PART ONE STARTS WITH PATRICK ASKING LEWIS A PRETTY SIMPLE QUESTION, "HOW'S IT GOING?" AC

OCTOBER 15 – IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN TO WIN A GOLDFISH AND HAVE A MIDWAY BARKER GUESS YOUR WEIGHT IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO'RE EATING ANY NUMBER DEEP FRIED FOODS ON A STICK. YUP ... IT'S TIME FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR! STATE AG COMMISSIONER STEVE TROXLER GREETED THE MEDIA AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON MONDAY AND SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE THE FAIR PLACES ON AGRICULTURE AND THE STATE ECONOMY. AC

OCTOBER 15 – RIDING THE CULT WAVE FOLLOWING OF THE SCI-FI "SHARKNADO" MOVEMENT, THE WAKE COUNTY SPCA -- THIS PAST AUGUST -- LAUNCHED "CATNADO," WHICH HELPED FIND LOTS OF HOMES FOR CATS AND KITTENS. WELL ... THEIR PROMOTIONAL GENIUSES ARE AT IT AGAIN ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED TO DARCI VANDERSLIK AT THE WAKE COUNTY SPCA, WHO SAYS ANIMAL SHELTERS ACROSS THE STATE URGING CITIZENS TO ARM THEIR HOUSEHOLDS WITH ZOMBIE-REPELLENT CATS AND KITTENS DURING THEIR "ZOMBIE-REPELLENT PROMOTION". AC

OCTOBER 16 – THE PARTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE ASKING QUESTIONS... ONE OF THEM IS WHAT'S OPEN AND CLOSED WHEN IT COMES TO OUR PARKS AND TRAVEL DESTINATIONS. TO CLEAR THINGS UP WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CHARLIE PEEKS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION. AC

OCTOBER 18 – THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR IS UNDERWAY AND THIS YEAR, THE MIDWAY IS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD--IT IS THE LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY AND IT IS ALSO DEEMED TO BE ONE OF THE SAFEST. NC LABOR COMMISSIONER SURE-EE BERRY TELLS WPTF'S MARLA ROTH...THIS YEAR'S RIDES CONTRACTOR IS THE FIRST THE FIRST RIDES OWNER TO RECEIVE THE AMUSEMENT STAR AWARD...WHERE THE INSPECTIONS HAVE TO MEET 100 PERCENT OF MANUFACTURER'S SAFETY SPECIFICATIONS. AC

OCTOBER 18 – IF THE BOX OFFICE ISN'T SHOWING A MOVIE THIS WEEKEND THAT PEAKS YOUR INTEREST, PERHAPS AN EXHIBITION OF OLD 8-MILLIMETER FILM OR VHS CASSETTE IS MORE YOUR SPEED ... JOSH ZACH TALKS HOME MOVIES WITH FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES. AC

OCTOBER 18 – IF YOU'RE HEADED TO THE MOVIES FOR THE LATEST RELEASE, KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN WHAT'S GOOD AND WHAT'S NOT. AC

OCTOBER 21 – THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY IS TURNING TO CROWD FUNDING SITE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR AN EXHIBIT ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH THE MUSEUM'S REGISTRAR, CAMILLE HUNT, TO GET THE DETAILS. AC

OCTOBER 21 - NANCY OLSON ON NEW (AND OLD) BOOKS TO E READING - AC

OCTOBER 22 – THE LONGEST RUNNING DAYTIME GAME SHOW ON TELEVISION IS THE POPULAR PRICE IS RIGHT ON CBS. THE GAME SHOW BEGAN IN 1956 AND WAS HOSTED BY BILL CULLEN AND THEN BOB BARKER AND SINCE 2007, DREW CAREY. WITHOUT A DOUBT ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CHALLENGES ON THE SHOW IS PLINKO, WHICH HAS BEEN "IN PLAY" FOR 30 YEARS, BUT HOST DREW CAREY SAYS NEW GAMES ARE BEING INTRODUCED TO KEEP THE SHOW FRESH. AC

OCTOBER 23 -"WAITING FOR THE SUN TO GO DOWN"-WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR DOSE OF AM ROCK AND ROLL-LISTENER PARTICIPATION- AC

OCTOBER 24 - DAVID LAVERE,HISTORY PROFESSOR AT UNC-W ON HIS NEW BOOK,"THE TUSCARORA WAR:INDIANS,SETTLERS AND THE FIGHT FOR THE CAROLINA COLONIES"- AC

OCTOBER 25 - TRIVIA NIGHT-HORROR MOVIES FOR HALLOWEEN- AC

OCTOBER 24 – THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY IS GOING TO BE VERY BUSY OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. JOE NEWBERRY FILLS IN THE DETAILS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. THERE WILL BE FOUR CONCERTS IN ALL... THEY WILL TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, OCT. 24 AT 7:30 P.M. IN CHAPEL HILL, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCT. 25-26 IN MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL AT 8 P.M. EACH NIGHT, AND ON SUNDAY IN SOUTHERN PINES AT 7:30 P.M. AC

OCTOBER 25 – KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN A LOOK AT THIS WEEKEND'S MOVIES. AC

OCTOBER 28 – STEVE MCQUEEN, JANIS JOPLIN AND RALPH LAUREN ARE ON DISPLAY ... THEIR CARS, THAT IS! PORSCHE BY DESIGN IS NOW RUNNING AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART. WPTF'S MARK ARSEN VISITED ONE-OF-A-KIND EXHIBITION AND GOT THE GRAND TOUR FROM THE MUSEUM'S MANAGING CURATOR, BARBARA WIEDAMANN (WEE-DUH-MEN). AC

OCTOBER 31 – WHILE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN ONGOING TO IMPROVE THE DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE FOR PETS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BE TO BE EVACUATED FROM DISASTER ZONES, A FIRST OF ITS KIND UNIT THAT TAKES THAT WORK TO ANOTHER LEVEL WAS UNVEILED IN RALEIGH. BRUCE FERRELL SPOKE WITH AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SPOKESPERSON LISA PETERSON. AC

OCTOBER 31 – SATURDAY, CLAYTON WILL BE ABUZZ WHEN A DOZEN LOCAL ARTISTS AS THEY JOIN TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE PRETTY IN PINK FOUNDATION WITH WHAT'S CALL "BREWING UP SOME ART." BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH ARTIST MICHAEL MORRISON ABOUT WHAT THIS EVENT IS ALL ABOUT. AC

NOVEMBER 4-TOM KEARNEY SHOW DOUG AND AUSTIN MATTOX OF MATTOX COINS AND STAMPS DISCUSS NUMISMATIC AND PHILATELIC QUESTIONS-AC

NOVEMBER 5 – WRAL MORNING NEWS ANCHOR BILL LESLIE IS AN ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN AND HE HAS OUT A NEW C-D. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON CAUGHT UP WITH BILL RECENTLY IS DISCUSS THE CAREER AND THE NEW RECORD. AC

NOVEMBER 8 – IT WAS LESS THAN A MONTH AGO THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO ANNOUNCED THE DEATH OF ONE IF IT'S FORMER POLAR BEARS WILLIE WHO WAS EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR HEALTH AT THE MILWAUKEE ZOO... WHICH CAME JUST WEEKS AFTER ANOTHER OF THE ZOO'S POLAR BEARS DIED IN HIS OVERNIGHT HOLDING QUARTERS IN ASHEBORO... NOW THE ZOO WILL SOON BE ACQUIRING A NEW POLAR

BEAR.....ZOO SPOKESMAN ROD HACKNEY WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN ABOUT "PATCHES," AND WHEN CAN FOLKS GET TO SEE THE BEAR FIRST HAND. AC

NOVEMBER 8 – WE'VE REACHED THE END OF THE WEEK -- AND BRUCE FERRELL VISITED WITH FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES TO HELP YOU ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND. AC

NOVEMBER 12 – "GHOST" IS PERFORMING RIGHT NOW AT DPAC AND BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO CARLA STEWART WHO STARS AS ODA MAE BROWN IN THIS HIT BROADWAY PRESENTATION. AC

NOVEMBER 15 – MAKING PLANS FOR YOUR WEEKEND -- HERE TO HELP YOU OUT IS FAYE MITCHELL WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES, WHO TALKED WITH OUR BRUCE FERRELL. AC

NOVEMBER 18 – THE PORSCHE BY DESIGN EXHIBIT AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART IS DRAWING BIG CROWDS? BUT, WILL IT LEAD TO A SIMILAR "OUT OF THE BOX" EXHIBITION IN THE FUTURE. BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM TALKED WITH THE MUSUEM'S DIRECTOR DR. LARRY WHEELER. AC

NOVEMBER 18 – AS THE NATION REMEMBERS THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY A HALF-CENTURY AGO, ONE WELL-KNOWN MAN RECALLS PERSONAL MEMORIES OF THAT TIME IN DALLAS, WHEN HE WAS JUST CUTTING HIS TEETH IN JOURNALISM, AT THE START OF A LEGENDARY CAREER. HERE'S CBS'S BARRY BAGNATO. AC

NOVEMBER 22 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA - "GAME SHOW TRIVIA" - BRUCE FERRELL AS GUEST - AC

NOVEMBER 22 – KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN A LOOK AT THIS WEEKEND'S MOVIES. AC

NOVEMBER 22 – IT'S A TELL-TALE SIGN THE HOLIDAYS ARE NEAR... NORTH CAROLINA'S EXECUTIVE MANSION -- THE SO-CALLED "PEOPLE'S HOUSE" WILL OPEN ITS DOORS FOR THE BELOVED ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 12TH THRU 15TH. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS ABOUT THIS HOLIDAY TOUR WITH THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION TOUR AND DOCENT COORDINATOR TARA SCHRAMM. AC

NOVEMBER 27 – THE LONG THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEKEND MEANS THAT MAJOR MOVIE STUDIOS PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS AND HOPE TO STRIKE GOLD. BRIAN FREEMAN AND KEVIN CARR, FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM LOOK AT WHAT YOU'LL SEE ON LOCAL MOVIE SCREENS. AC

DECEMBER 4 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - JOE NEWBERRY DISCUSSES THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY'S SEASONAL PRESENTATIONS AC

DECEMBER 10 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - MICHELLE LANIER CO - AUTHOR OF "AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC TRAILS OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA" TALKS ABOUT THIS NEW BOOK - AC

DECEMBER 9 – WHEN THE DURHAM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OPENED, A CITY-WIDE PROGRAM CALLED THE DURHAM WAYFINDERS WAS ALSO LAUNCHED TO ASSIST PEOPLE WHO ATTEND EVENTS AT LOCAL VENUES FIND THEIR WAY. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH DURHAM CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU CEO SHELLY GREEN SAYS THE PROGRAM IS NOT ONE SIZE FITS ALL. AC

DECEMBER 11 – IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON WHICH IS A GREAT TIME TO GIVE BACK, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE THAT SERVE OUR COUNTRY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH RENEE LANE- THE USO REPRESENTATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA- TO FIND OUT WHAT THE USO IS DOING FOR THE TROOPS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH THE "EVERY MOMENT COUNTS" CAMPAIGN. AC

DECEMBER 13 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - LONG TIME GUEST WOODY SEYMOUR ON HIS FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIES - AND TRIVIA - AC

DECEMBER 16 – MUSICIAN RICKY SKAGGS IS BRINGING HIS CHRISTMAS SHOW TO THE CAROLINA THEATRE IN DURHAM ON DECEMBER 21ST... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH THE 14 TIME GRAMMY WINNER. AC

DECEMBER 16 – IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON WHICH IS A GREAT TIME TO GIVE BACK, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE THAT SERVE OUR COUNTRY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH RENEE LANE- THE USO REPRESENTATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA- TO FIND OUT WHAT THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN LIKE FROM

VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHEN THEY SEE THE TURNOUT FOR THE "EVERY MOMENT COUNTS," AND HE LEARNED ABOUT A TOUCHING STORY IN THE PROCESS. AC

DECEMBER 18 – CHRISTMAS COULD COME EARLY FOR SOME LUCKY LOTTERY WINNER -- THE MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT IS REPORTED TO POSSIBLY GO AS HIGH AS ONE BILLION DOLLARS! THE ODDS OF WINNING ARE 1 IN 258 MILLION, BUT SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT!.. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO LOCAL FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL TOM MCDERMOTT ABOUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU MATCH ALL SIX NUMBERS. AC

DECEMBER 19 – FIFTEEN MINUTES CAN SAVE YOU MONEY ON CAR INSURANCE, OLD MCDONALD WAS A REALLY BAD SPELLER, AND CERTAIN WINES WILL COMPLEMENT CERTAIN FOODS. BUT DID YOU KNOW THE FLAVOR OF A BEER CAN ALSO MAKE OR BREAK A MEAL? SO WITH THE VARIETY OF HOLIDAY FOODS SOON TO BE ABOUT OUR TABLES AND HEARTHES, JOSH ZACH ENLISTED JENNIFER BALIK (BAY-LICK) FROM MIMS DISTRIBUTING TO HELP US MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES. AC

DECEMBER 20 – HERE SOME FUN IDEAS FOR YOUR WEEKEND AS JOSH ZACH TALKED WITH FAYE MITCHELL WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES.. AC

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DECEMBER 23 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GUEST STEPHEN KEARNEY- DISCUSSION AND TRIVIA ON "SATURDAY MORNING FAVORITES"AC

DECEMBER 25 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-PLANT HISTORIAN PAM BECK ON PLANTS AND FLOWERS AS THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS-AC

DECEMBER 26 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. ED FUNKHOUSER WITH PART 1 OF "BEFORE THE COLORS FADE"- NECROLOGY OF 2013-AC

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DECEMBER 31 – DOWNTOWN RALEIGH IS DROPPING THE ACORN TONIGHT, BUT IN BRASSTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA THEY'RE DROPPING A POSSUM! DEMETRI RAVANOS TALKS WITH CLAY LOGAN, WHO IS THE OWNER OF CLAY'S CORNER IN BRASSTOWN NORTH CAROLINA, ABOUT THE TRADITION OF THE OPOSSUM DROP THAT HE STARTED. AC

CD - Crime/Drugs

OCTOBER 1 – THE VERDICTS CAME DOWN IN THE SEXUAL BATTERY TRIAL OF A FORMER WAKE SCHOOL HEADMASTER. LAST YEAR BRANDON SMITH WAS FIRED FROM EAST WAKE ACADEMY FOR INAPPROPRIATELY TOUCHING TWO WOMEN THERE. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE STORY. CD

OCTOBER 1 – WHEN OFFICER-RELATED SHOOTINGS END WITH A CASUALTY IT CAN BE VERY PAINFUL NOT JUST FOR THE VICTIM'S LOVED ONES BUT FOR THE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH LANCE LORUSSO, ATTORNEY AND FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO A POLICE OFFICER WHO DOES USE DEADLY FORCE AND HOW IT AFFECTS THOSE AROUND THEM. CD

OCTOBER 7 – A FORMER TUTOR WHO WORKED WITH UNC FOOTBALL PLAYERS HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING THE STATE'S SPORTS AGENT LAWS. JENNIFER WILEY THOMPSON WAS ARRESTED THURSDAY MORNING AND RELEASED ON A \$15,000 SECURED BOND. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH ACC.COM'S DAVID GLENN. CD

OCTOBER 7 – NORTH CAROLINA HAS NOT EXECUTED A DEATH ROW INMATE SINCE 2006, AND A GRASSROOTS GROUP IN THE STATE IS WORKING TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. IN THE FIRST PART OF A WEEK-LONG SERIES, WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SAT DOWN WITH DAVID ROBINSON, SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH THE NEXSEN PRUET LAW FIRM AND FORMER 13TH GOP CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CHAIRMAN ... ROBINSON IS AN

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY, WHO'S AIM IS TO REPLACE THE DEATH PENALTY IN NORTH CAROLINA WITH LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE. CD

OCTOBER 8 – ACROSS THE COUNTRY THE NUMBER OF DEATH SENTENCES IS DROPPING, AND RECENT POLLS SHOW SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IS AT AN ALL TIME LOW. IN NORTH CAROLINA A GROUP CALLED CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY IS WORKING TO REPLACE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT WITH LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE. IN PART TWO PART OF A WEEK-LONG SERIES ON THE MOVEMENT, WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SAT DOWN WITH DAVID ROBINSON, A MEMBER OF CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED' TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. CD

OCTOBER 9 – THE COST TO EXECUTE A DEATH ROW INMATE IS GREATER THAN THE COST FOR THEM TO LIVE OUT A LIFE SENTENCE WITHOUT PAROLE. THIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL KEY ARGUMENTS BEING MADE BY 'CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY ...' A GROUP WHO HAS IT'S SIGHTS SET ON TAKING THE DEATH PENALTY OFF THE TABLE IN NORTH CAROLINA. IN PART 3 OF OUR LOOK AT THIS MOVEMENT, WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DAVID ROBINSON, A MEMBER OF 'CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED' TO DISCUSS HOW THEY'RE RECRUITING FOR THEIR CAUSE. CD

OCTOBER 10 – RALEIGH DETECTIVES ARE REVEALING A GUY THEY THINK IS A PERSON OF INTEREST IN A STRING OF KIDNAPPINGS AND ROBBERIES. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS MORE. CD

OCTOBER 11 – AN ATTACK ON A WOMAN IN HER OWN DRIVEWAY IN WAKE FOREST HAS POLICE WONDERING IF ITS CONNECTED TO A SERIES OF INCIDENTS IN RALEIGH AND WAKE COUNTY. ED CRUMP OF WTVD REPORTS. CD

OCTOBER 11 – CITING THE COST INVOLVED, PRO-LIFE BELIEFS AND THE CHANCE OF INNOCENCE, 'CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY' IS A GROUP WORKING TOWARD REPLACING THE DEATH PENALTY IN NORTH CAROLINA WITH LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE. THEY'RE SLOWLY GAINING GROUND FOR THE CAUSE AND -- IN THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF OUR WEEK-LONG LOOK AT THE ISSUE -- DAVID ROBINSON, A MEMBER OF 'CONSERVATIVES CONCERNED' TELLS JOSH ZACH WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO GAIN SUPPORT. CD

OCTOBER 14 – THE MAN SUSPECTED OF TERRORIZING SEVERAL NORTH WEST RALEIGH AND WAKE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOODS IS DUE IN COURT TODAY. WTVD TV'S JOEL BROWN HAS THE DETAILS. CD

OCTOBER 18 – THE AMTRAK POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED A-P-D-1-1 "TEXT-A-TRIP," BECOMING THE FIRST RAILROAD LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY NATIONALLY TO INCLUDE TEXTING AS A CRIME REPORTING OPTION. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH POLLY HANSON- CHIEF OF POLICE WITH THE AMTRAK POLICE DEPARTMENT- TO FIND OUT WHAT ARE THINGS YOU SHOULD AND SHOULDN'T REPORT, AND HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS. CD

OCTOBER 18 – AN ADDED ELEMENT TO FIGHT CRIME IN A TOWN IN JOHNSTON COUNTY... WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON EXPLAINS. CD

OCTOBER 22 – WARRANTS ARE REVEALING NEW DETAILS IN THE TWO WEEK CRIME ACROSS WAKE COUNTY. ONE OF THE BIG NEW DETAILS IS REVEALED IS THAT THE SUSPECT, WALTER JOHNSON, ALL BUT ADMITTED TO THE CRIMES. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. CD

OCTOBER 24 – A WOMAN CHARGED WITH THE DEATH OF A 91 YEAR OLD WOMAN IS BACK IN RALEIGH FOR A COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY FOR US. CD

OCTOBER 25 – FIVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN A RIDE ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE VORTEX AT THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS LAST NIGHT. A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AND WAKE COUNTY SHERIFF DONNIE HARRISON GAVE THE LATEST DETAILS ON WHAT HAPPENED AND THE INJURIES SUSTAINED. CD

OCTOBER 28 – THE MAN WHO OPERATED THE RIDE AT THE STATE FAIR -- ON WHICH FIVE WERE INJURED THURSDAY -- WAS ARRESTED SATURDAY AND WILL BE IN FRONT A JUDGE THIS MORNING TO FACE THREE FELONY CHARGES. WTVD'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ CAUGHT UP OVER THE WEEKEND WITH ROGER W. SMITH JR. -- THE ATTORNEY FOR 46-YEAR-OLD TIMOTHY DWAYNE TUTTERROW, OF GEORGIA. CD

OCTOBER 29 – WE SEE ART EVERYWHERE: MUSEUMS, HOMES AND BUSINESSES, BUT THERE IS A NASTY SIDE TO THE ART BUSINESS. REBA WHITE WILLIAMS FILLED BRIAN FREEMAN IN ON WHAT REALLY GOES ON IN THE DEALINGS OF THE ART WORLD. CD

OCTOBER 29 – EACH YEAR, THE UNITED STATES LOSES AN ESTIMATED \$50 BILLION TO FINANCIAL FRAUD SCHEMES AFFECTING MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. SO WITH THE HOLIDAYS QUICKLY APPROACHING, CONSUMERS ARE MORE AT RISK OF BEING TRICKED BY FRAUDSTERS. AS BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH GERRI WALSH, PRESIDENT OF FINRA. CD

OCTOBER 29 – THE INVESTIGATION INTO LAST THURSDAY'S RIDE ACCIDENT AT THE STATE FAIR CONTINUES WHILE THE MAN WHO OPERATED THE VORTEX -- 46-YEAR-OLD TIM TUTTERROW, OF GEORGIA, IS ACCUSED OF TAMPERING WITH CRITICAL SAFETY DEVICES. WTVD'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS THAT SOME EYEWITNESSES TO LAST WEEK'S ACCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN VICTIMS THEMSELVES. CD

OCTOBER 29 – POLICE ENDED A STANDOFF AT THE MONDAY AFTERNOON CARMIKE 15 MOVIE THEATER IN IN RALEIGH WITH THE ARREST OF A SECOND SUSPECT. WTVD'S KELLY O'HARA HAS MORE ON THE STORY. CD

OCTOBER 30 – FRAUD CONTINUES TO BE AN ISSUE IN THE COUNTRY. BUT, HOW BIG OF AN ISSUE MAY SURPRISE YOU. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH GERRI WALSH- PRESIDENT OF FINRA- AND ANN HARKINS- PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL- TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH MONEY WE LOSE EACH YEAR ON FRAUD AND WHAT TYPE OF FRAUD WE NEED TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR. CD

OCTOBER 30 – COURT RECORDS SHOW THAT AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE RIDE OPERATOR OVERRODE THE SAFETY FEATURES OF THE VORTEX RIDE AT THE STATE FAIR. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS MORE. CD

OCTOBER 30 – A CRIME ALERT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR NC STATE UNIVERSITY AFTER A STUDENT WAS ROBBED ON CAMPUS. THE STUDENT SAYS HE WAS LURED WHEN THE SUSPECT ASKED FOR HELP. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS MORE. CD

OCTOBER 31 – AS OCTOBER COMES TO AN END SO TOO DOES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH. HOWEVER, THE FIGHT TO SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS ONGOING. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CHRISTY SALTERS MARTIN- A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA- TO FIND OUT WHY SHE ALONG WITH OTHER SURVIVORS AND ADVOCATES ARE IN WASHINGTON, AND TO FIND OUT WHAT TIPS SHE WOULD OFFER TO SOMEONE IN A VIOLENT SITUATION. CD

OCTOBER 31 – A WOMAN WAS ROBBED JUST A FEW HOURS AGO IN HER PARKING LOT IN RALEIGH. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS MORE. CD

NOVEMBER 6 – A PICKUP TRUCK PLOWED THROUGH TWO HOMES LAST NIGHT IN APEX, BUT NO ONE WAS HURT . WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS THE LATEST. CD

NOVEMBER 6 – HUNDREDS OF CHAPEL HILL STUDENTS WERE SCRAMBLING TO FIND A PLACE TO STAY AFTER A FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE ATTIC OF THE COBB RESIDENT HALL. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE DETAILS FOR US. CD

NOVEMBER 7 – NEW CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE AGAINST A SECOND PERSON IN THE TERRIBLE ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE VORTEX RIDE AT THE STATE FAIR. THE SON OF THE FAMILY THAT OWNS THE RIDE IS NOW FACING SEVERAL CHARGES WITH ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVA REZ HAS THE DETAILS. CD

NOVEMBER 8 – THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPT. OF JUSTICE IS LOOKING OUT FOR YOU BY PROVIDING A NEW TOOL TO LOCATE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS NEAR HOMES, SCHOOLS, PARKS OR ANY LOCATION. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH REPORTS ON THE NCDOJ'S NEW SEX OFFENDER FINDER FOR ANDROID MOBILE DEVICES. CD

NOVEMBER 8 – THE SECOND MAN CHARGED IN THE TERRIFYING RIDE ACCIDENT AT THE STATE FAIR IS NOW OUT OF JAIL ON BOND. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY. CD

NOVEMBER 11 – INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE ALCOHOL AND SPEED MAY HAVE PLAYED A PART IN THE FIERY ACCIDENT THAT KILLED THREE PEOPLE IN HARNETT COUNTY SUNDAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS STORY FOR US. CD

NOVEMBER 12 – THE HOLIDAYS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL PARTIES AND GET-TOGETHERS. BUT WITH THOSE COMES THE DANGERS OF DRINKING AND DRIVING.

WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH LARONDA SCOTT- THE NORTH CAROLINA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING- TO FIND OUT THE SHOCKING DETAILS OF THEIR LATEST SURVEY REGARDING DRINKING AND DRIVING. CD

NOVEMBER 14 – A RALEIGH WOMAN IS CHARGED WITH BRINGING A GUN TO SCHOOL. KRISTEN ROWE (ROE) SAYS IT ALL STARTED WHEN SEVERAL TEENAGERS BULLIED HER DAUGHTER. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY. CD

NOVEMBER 15 – TROOPERS BELIEVE ANOTHER TEXTING DRIVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING OVER TWO PEOPLE WHO HAD STOPPED TO CHANGE A TIRE. THE VICTIMS WERE TAKEN TO WAKEMED WITH WHAT ARE DESCRIBED AS NON-LIFE THREATENING INJURIES. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE LATEST DETAILS. CD

NOVEMBER 18 – A WAKE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SAYS SHE'S LUCKY TO BE ALIVE AND SHE WANTS TO THANK THE TWO MEN WHO SAVED HER LIFE. THE TEEN AND HER FRIEND WERE IN A FRIGHTENING CAR ACCIDENT LAST FRIDAY SKIDDING OFF THE ROAD AND FALLING TWELVE FEET. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE STORY. CD

NOVEMBER 20 – THE HOLIDAYS ARE FUN TIME OF YEAR, BUT THERE'S ALSO A HIGHER RISK FOR FIRES, BREAK-INS AND OTHER RISKS... BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH KATHY MABE WITH ALLSTATE PROTECTION ABOUT THEIR INITIATIVE HOLIDAY HOME HAZARDS CD

NOVEMBER 20 – THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO A SHOOTING AT THE DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THAT LEFT A 17-YEAR-OLD DEAD. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON HAS THAT STORY. CD

NOVEMBER 22 – A MANHUNT IS UNDERWAY AFTER GUNFIRE ON THE NC CENTRAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS LED TO A LOCKDOWN UNIVERSITY AFTERNOON. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

NOVEMBER 25 – THREE MEN WERE KILLED IN A WRECK IN JOHNSTON COUNTY THIS WEEKEND THAT WAS SO FORCEFUL THAT THE CAR SPLIT IN TWO. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

NOVEMBER 25 – A MAN CHARGED WITH SHOOTING A HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER DURING A TRAFFIC STOP IN DURHAM IS SET TO SENTENCED TODAY IN FEDERAL COURT. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS THE DETAILS. CD

NOVEMBER 27 – THERE CONTINUES TO BE QUESTIONS OVER THE DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT -- AND CHIEF JOSE LOPEZ -- OVER WHAT'S BEING SAID PUBLICLY OVER THE DEATH OF 17-YEAR-OLD JESUS HUERTA WHO DIED IN POLICE CUSTODY FROM A GUNSHOT WOULD. AS THE SBI CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE, PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH CASH MICHAELS, EDITOR OF THE CAROLINIAN ABOUT THE RESPONSE BY THE POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY. CD

DECEMBER 11 – THE FAMILY OF 17 YEAR OLD JESUS HUERTA, WHO DIED UNDER QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES WHILE IN CUSTODY OF DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT, DELIVERED A PETITION TO THE FBI RESIDENT AGENCY IN CARY TUESDAY. THE FAMILY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PRESENTE.ORG, THE LARGEST ONLINE LATINO ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION WHO HAS BEEN HELPING THE FAMILY AND COLLECTED THE PETITION SIGNATURES FROM PRESENTE.ORG MEMBERS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. CD

DECEMBER 17 – THE CITY OF DURHAM RELEASED NEW CRIME DATA FOR THE THIRD QUARTER MONDAY. BUT WTVD'S JOEL BROWN SAYS WHILE THE NUMBERS APPEAR TO BE GOOD, LEADERS AND RESIDENTS ARE STILL FRUSTRATED. CD

DECEMBER 17 – THE ATTORNEY FOR A WOMAN CHARGED WITH THE DISMEMBERING DEATH OF HER HUSBAND'S EX-GIRLFRIEND SAYS HE'S FOUND NEW EVIDENCE IN THE LAURA ACKERSON MURDER CASE. WTVD'S ED CRUMP HAS MORE ON THIS DEVELOPING STORY. CD

DECEMBER 17 – POLICE SAY MORE THAN 60 STORM DRAIN COVERS HAVE BEEN STOLEN IN WAKE FOREST AND NORTH RALEIGH, AND WTVD'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS THAT IT IS POSING A REAL DANGER FOR JOGGERS, KIDS, AND PEOPLE RIDING BIKES. CD

DECEMBER 20 – THERE WAS UNREST IN DOWNTOWN DURHAM AS VIOLENCE ERUPTED AT WHAT WAS BILLED AS A PEACEFUL VIGIL FOR JESUS HUERTA. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY.] CD

DECEMBER 27 – A WOMAN ON HER WAY HOME FROM WORK HAD THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPEN THURSDAY WHEN SHE BECAME STUCK IN A BANK'S DEPOSIT BOX. WTVD TV'S KELLI O'HARA HAS THE STORY. CD

DECEMBER 31 – HUNDREDS OF NORTH CAROLINA TEENS ARE SPENDING THE HOLIDAY IN JAIL AND NEW RESEARCH QUESTIONS WHETHER THAT'S WHERE THEY NEED TO BE. STEPHANIE CARSON HAS MORE. CD

CR- Civil Rights

EC - Economy/Employment

OCTOBER 1 – CLARK HOWARD IS COMING TO RALEIGH ON OCTOBER 10TH, FOR A VERY SPECIAL DAY THAT INCLUDES AN EXCLUSIVE LIVE RADIO BROADCAST AND A BOOK SIGNING? BRIAN FREEMAN TALK TO CLARK ABOUT WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT WEEK AND HIS NEW BOOK "LIVING LARGE FOR THE LONG HAUL." EC

OCTOBER 3 – THE LATEST SURVEY OF SMALL AND MID-SIZED NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS OWNERS BY PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES SHOWS A DECLINE IN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS AGO AND LITTLE CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH PNC ECONOMIST MEKAEL TESHOME (MICK-AYL TESH-OH-MAH) TO FIND OUT WHY THE OUTLOOK FOR THE STATE'S BUSINESS OWNERS HAS WEAKENED. EC

OCTOBER 4 – A MASSIVE ROUND OF LAYOFFS IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE AT XEROX IN CARY. MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSES THE IMPACT OF THE JOB CUTS WITH TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S LAUREN OH-NAH-SORGE EC

OCTOBER 4 – NEW DATA FROM AARP IS REINFORCING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA. WITH SOCIAL SECURITY FACING THE POSSIBILITY OF CUTS IN WASHINGTON, WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH AARP EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT NANCY LEAMOND JUST HOW SIGNIFICANT THE BENEFITS ARE STIMULATING THE STATE ECONOMY. EC

OCTOBER 4 – A BIG SPORTS LEAGUE IS COMING TO TOWN, THE HOUSING MARKET HAS SOME GOOD NEWS AND A SCHEDULING CONFLICT IS ALMOST RESOLVED BETWEEN NC STATE AND THE CANES. BRIAN FREEMAN CHATS WITH AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL ON THESE STORIES AND MORE GOINGS ON IN THE AREA. EC

OCTOBER 7 – THE DEBT CEILING DEADLINE IS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY AND WITH NO DECISION MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT THINGS LOOK BAD FOR OUR ECONOMY. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH JILL SCHLESINGER ON THE OCT. 17TH DEADLINE, HOW IT WOULD AFFECT US, AND WHETHER TO STAY IN STOCKS OR NOT FOR NOW. EC

OCTOBER 11 – THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORE THAN 400 FARMWORKER DELEGATES REPRESENTING OVER 10-THOUSAND MEMBERS FROM NC, SC AND OHIO WILL BE IN DURHAM TO TAKE PART IN FLOC'S NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION...(FARM LABOR ORGANIZING COMMITTEE). BALDEMORE VELAZQUEZ IS FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF FLOC .. HE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. EC

OCTOBER 14 – WE KNOW WHAT RALEIGH LOOKS LIKE TODAY, BUT WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE IN 12 YEARS? CITY PLANNERS ARE ALREADY DRAWING UP SKETCHES FOR THE CAPITOL CITY OF TOMORROW AND YOU CAN TAKE PART IN THE PROCESS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH SARAH POWERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VISUAL ART EXCHANGE, TO DISCUSS HOW THE PUBLIC CAN INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN RALEIGH. EC

OCTOBER 14 – TRADERS HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN WHILE AMERICANS ARE WORRYING THAT THE ECONOMY IS GOING DOWN HILL. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS NEWS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER FOR THE DETAILS ON THE BUSINESS STORIES. EC

OCTOBER 14 – GOOD NEWS FOR MOTORISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY...GAS PRICES ARE FALLING AGAIN. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH ANGELA VOGEL DALEY- THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR TRIPLE-A CAROLINAS- TO SEE HOW LONG WE CAN EXPECT THIS TO LAST. EC

OCTOBER 14 - DR. MIKE WALDEN, NCSU ECONOMICS PROFESSOR WITH HIS MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE ECONOMY - EC

OCTOBER 16 – TAX FOUNDATION HAS RELEASED ITS LATEST EDITION OF THE STATE BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE INDEX, AND NORTH CAROLINA RANKS NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE PACK. HOWEVER, AS TAX FOUNDATION ECONOMIST SCOTT DRENKARD TELLS WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON, THE TAR HEEL STATE IS ABOUT TO MAKE A HISTORICAL JUMP. EC

OCTOBER 18 – A RALEIGH BUSINESS HAS MADE BIG DEAL WITH SOME BENEFITS AND COSTS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH JASON DEBRUYN OF THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL ABOUT THIS DEAL AND MERGERS WITH LOCAL HOSPITALS. EC

OCTOBER 18 – IN THE BUSINESS WORLD, WE NEED TO CONSTANTLY FOCUS ON EXPANDING OUR NETWORK OF CONTACTS. NETWORKING IN BUSINESS IS NOT ALWAYS ABOUT MOVING UP THE CORPORATE LADDER, ALTHOUGH THAT IS AN IMPORTANT BYPRODUCT. IT'S ABOUT OBTAINING INFORMATION AND MAKING CONTACTS THAT COULD HELP YOU IN YOUR DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS LIFE. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSES HOW TO NETWORK LIKE A PRO WITH RALEIGH'S HOUSE OF ETIQUETTE AMANITA THOMAS. EC

OCTOBER 21 – BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH JILL SCHLESINGER CBS NEWS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST ABOUT THE LATEST MARKET AND ECONOMIC NEWS. EC

OCTOBER 22 – A NORTH CAROLINA CITY HAS TOPPED THE LIST OF TOP RETIREMENT DESTINATIONS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH KEN ATKINS- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WAKE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- TO FIND OUT WHICH CITY AND WHY. EC

OCTOBER 25 – NORTH CAROLINA COULD BE A SITE FOR MORE MOVIE LOCATIONS IN THE FUTURE AND NOT ALL PHARMACIES IN THE STATE ARE AS SAFE AS BELIEVED. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S JASON DEBRUYN ON THESE TWO BIG STORIES AND THEIR IMPACT ON OUR ECONOMY. EC

OCTOBER 25 – OUTDOOR GEAR RETAILER CABELA'S (CAH-BELL-AH'S) WILL BUILD A 100,000 SQUARE FOOT STORE IN GARNER. BRUCE FERRELL GOT SOME REACTION FROM GARNER MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS. EC

OCTOBER 25 – THE TEMPERATURES ARE COOLING OFF, THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER... THE LEAVES ARE FALLING... IT'S DEFINITELY TIME TO TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON. AND SINCE WE'RE ON THE CUSP OF THE GREATEST GIVING SEASON OF THE YEAR... LET'S TALK ABOUT HOW TO PUT OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD WHEN GIVING GIFTS AT THE OFFICE WITH AMANITA THOMAS OF RALEIGH'S HOUSE OF ETIQUETTE. EC

OCTOBER 28 – THE D-V-R AGE HAS MANY ADVERTISERS LAMENTING THAT VIEWERS AREN'T AS INFLUENCED BY ADS BECAUSE THEY CAN FAST FORWARD THROUGH THE COMMERCIALS ... BUT NEW RESEARCH SUGGESTS THE OPPOSITE! JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE IDEAS BEHIND ACCELERATED ADVERTISING WITH GAVIN FITZSIMONS (FITZ-SIMONS, LIKE SIMON SAYS) -- ONE OF THE RESEARCHERS ON THE PROJECT AT THE DUKE FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. EC

OCTOBER 28 – THE MAJOR STOCK INDEXES ARE SOARING THIS YEAR, AND BOND BUYING HAS A GOOD DEAL TO DO WITH IT. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS STOCKS AND BONDS WITH CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER FOR THE LATEST. EC

OCTOBER 29 – WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE PUMPKIN PATCH YET, BUT IF YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL OVER THANKSGIVING, YOU'VE GOT TO GET BUSY WITH YOUR TRAVEL PLANS. BUT EVEN WITH TURKEY DAY JUST ONE MONTH AWAY, THERE ARE STILL WAYS TO FIND A BARGAIN. IT'S THE TOPIC OF BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ IN OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. EC

OCTOBER 30 – U-S SENATOR KAY HAGAN HAS INTRODUCED A BILL TO HELP LOWER THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG VETERANS. IN A TELECONFERENCE, HAGAN ADDRESSED THE LANDSCAPE OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND HOW THE HIRE A HERO ACT WILL GET VETERANS BACK TO WORK. EC

OCTOBER 31 – BEHIND THE PRICES OF PRODUCTS WE BUY LIKE GAS, FOOD AND CLOTHING ARE THE PRICES OF BASIC PRODUCTS, SOMETIMES CALLED RAW MATERIALS. NC STATE ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN SPECULATES ON WHETHER PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS ARE LIKELY TO HEAD UP OR DOWN. EC

NOVEMBER 4 – MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO DEPEND ON FOOD STAMPS WILL START TO LOSE \$36 A MONTH STARTING TODAY. THAT'S BECAUSE A TEMPORARY INCREASE FROM THE 2009 STIMULUS IS ENDING. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN REPORTS OF THE MILLIONS IMPACTED AT LEAST 900,000 ARE VETERANS. EC

NOVEMBER 4 – BUSINESSES ARE COMING TO NORTH CAROLINA WITH JOBS -- AND THE STATE WANTS TO RECRUIT TOP TALENT -- BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR EXISTING UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS? THERE IS ALSO A FOCUS ON OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONCE AGAIN LAGGING BEHIND ... WPTF'S BRIAN FREEMAN BROACHED THESE ISSUES WITH GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY. EC

NOVEMBER 5 – TECH STOCKS ARE LEADING THE WAY ON THE MARKETS, BUT THAT'S CAUSING CONCERN OVER A NEW FINANCIAL BUBBLE. CBS NEWS CONTRIBUTOR AND ANALYST MELLODY HOBSON DISCUSSES WITH "CBS THIS MORNING" THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN THE TECH WORLD, THE POTENTIAL FOR PROBLEMS, AND SOME OF THE INDICATORS THAT COULD SIGNAL A TECH BUBBLE ON THE HORIZON. EC

NOVEMBER 7 – HOLIDAY SHOPPING IS HARD WORK ... THE CROWDS, FLYING ELBOWS AT THE BARGAIN BIN, THE TAUNTING SANTA DISPLAY THAT'S BEEN IN THE MALL SINCE AUGUST (OR SO IT SEEMS), AND LOOKING FOR THAT "WHITE WHALE" OF A COUPON TO STRETCH YOUR BUDGET. BUT YOU CAN ONLY SHOP SERIOUSLY IF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SHOPPING FOR. SO IF YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR IDEAS, SHOPSMART MAGAZINE'S JODY ROHLENA (ROW-LINNA) TELLS JOSH ZACH ABOUT A FEW HELPFUL GIFT IDEA SITES ON THE WEB. EC

NOVEMBER 6 – TIS THE SEASON ... TO SHOP TIL YA DROP! HOLIDAY SHOPPING IS ALWAYS A TEST OF OUR ECONOMIC MEDDLE, AND ANY WAY TO SAVE MONEY (OR STRETCH THE BUDGET) IS A PLUS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH GOT A FEW TIPS FROM JODY ROHLENA (ROW-LINNA) AT SHOPSMART MAGAZINE ON HOW LOYALTY AND REWARD PROGRAMS CAN WORK TO A SHOPPER'S ADVANTAGE. EC

NOVEMBER 6 – THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP -- A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT -- IS CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES. SOME THINK THIS WILL OPEN THE DOORS TO MORE FOREIGN GOODS WHILE OTHERS SAY THE DEAL WOULD THREATEN DOMESTIC JOBS. SHANE LARSON WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT THIS TRADE AGREEMENT IS NOT RIGHT FOR THE EXTREMELY FRAGILE U.S. JOB MARKET. EC

NOVEMBER 8 – SOME COMPANIES HAVE THEIR EYES ON YOU WHILE YOU'RE ONLINE AND IN THE MEANTIME BIG RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS ARE WAKING UP AGAIN. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL TO GET MORE ON THESE LOCAL STORIES. EC

NOVEMBER 11 – LAST MONTH'S GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS ON THE JOBS MARKET ACCORDING TO THE LATEST JOBS REPORT. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE DETAILS FROM JILL SCHLESINGER, CBS NEWS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST. EC

NOVEMBER 12 – MANY OF US HAVE SOME WEIGHT TO LOSE... DEBT WEIGHT!. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO THE SO-CALLED "DEBT LADY" JERRI SIMPSON... ABOUT HOW TO SHED SOME OF THOSE UNWANTED POUNDS AS DISCUSSED IN SIMPSON'S BOOK LOSE 100 POUNDS OF DEBT WEIGHT: LEARN HOW TO TRIM THAT CREDIT CARD FAT. EC

NOVEMBER 12 – THE BATTLE BETWEEN BRICK AND MORTAR AND ON LINE SALES AND THE SALES TAX ISSUE CONTINUES TO BE DEBATED. BRIAN FREEMAN GOES IN-DEPTH WITH THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS, MICHAEL KERCHEVAL. (CUR-CHA-VALL) EC

NOVEMBER 13 – WHAT ARE THE TOP ITEMS THAT PEOPLE ARE PLANNING TO PURCHASE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH MICHAEL KERCHEVAL (CUR-CHA-VALL), PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS. EC

NOVEMBER 13 – THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO LIVE FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING, AND THEN THERE'S THE REST OF US! IF YOU NEED SOME HELP NAVIGATING THE DOORBUSTER DEALS AND EVERYTHING JOLLY, MAGAZINE'S JODY ROHLENA (ROW-LINNA) TELLS JOSH ZACH ... THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT! EC

NOVEMBER 15 – A BUSINESSMAN LEARNED THE LESSON ABOUT MISTAKES AND STARTING OVER, A SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS IS GETTING SOME HELP FROM A WELL KNOWN TV CELEBRITY, AND THERE ARE SOME BIG EXPANSIONS IN PLAN FOR SOME COMPANIES. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE DETAILS ON THESE STORIES FROM TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S AMANDA HOYLE. EC

NOVEMBER 18 – JANET YELLEN, PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NOMINEE FOR FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD CHAIRMAN, WAS BEFORE THE SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE NATION'S FINANCES AND PREVENTING ANOTHER ECONOMIC CRISIS. BUT ARE THE FED'S AGGRESSIVE POLICIES RESPONSIBLE FOR BOOSTING

STOCKS MORE THAN CORPORATIONS PROFIT? BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM CBS SENIOR ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

NOVEMBER 18 – REMEMBER THE SUPER BOWL TV AD LAST YEAR THAT EXTOLLED THE VIRTUES OF THE FARMER -- THAT WAS NARRATED USING THE VOICE OF THE LATE NEWSCASTER PAUL HARVEY ? WE'LL THE AD HAS ALSO BEEN USED AS A FUNDRAISING TOOL FOR THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA AS BOB MIDLES OF SFNTODAY.COM FOUND OUT WHEN HE TALKED WITH DAVE SAUERS, THE HEAD OF RAM PICKUP MARKETING WHILE AT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FARM BROADCASTERS CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY. EC

NOVEMBER 22 – THINKING ABOUT GETTING A SECOND HOME? THINK AGAIN. FAST GROWING COMPANIES KEEP BRINGING IN NEW JOBS. SOLAR PANELS ARE GETTING CHEAPER. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE DETAILS OF THESE LOCAL STORIES FROM AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL. EC

NOVEMBER 25 – BLACK FRIDAY IS STARTING EARLIER THAN EVER AND IT SEEMS NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE HAPPY ABOUT IT. AND SOME BUSINESSES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SHOPPERS GOING ONLINE RATHER THAN TO THEIR STORES. BRIAN FREEMAN CHATTED WITH CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER ON THESE LATEST BUSINESS STORIES. EC

NOVEMBER 25 – THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON IS UPON US, AND WHILE MANY ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AS THE BEST SHOPPING DAY, FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, THE SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING IS THE ONE THEY LOOK FORWARD TO. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH GREGG THOMPSON- NORTH CAROLINA STATE DIRECTOR OF THE N-F-I-B- ABOUT "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY" AND WHY IT GOT STARTED. EC

NOVEMBER 27 – CONSUMER CONFIDENCE NUMBERS ARE IN .. AND THEY'RE LOW -- THE LOWEST LEVEL IN SEVEN MONTHS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. EC

NOVEMBER 27 – THE BUSIEST SHOPPING DAY IS ALMOST UPON US...BLACK FRIDAY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON GOT TIPS ON HOW TO NAVIGATE THE CROWDS FROM BEST BUY SPOKESPERSON JEREMY BAIER (BYE-ER). HE ALSO FOUND OUT HOW BIG THE SHOPPING HOLIDAY WAS LAST YEAR. EC

NOVEMBER 27 – FORGET THE WEATHER ... THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING FORECAST IS OUT! JANNA ROBINSON -- HOST OF D.I.Y. NETWORK'S "HOLLYWOOD TECH" -- TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT, THIS SEASON, HOUSEHOLD SPENDING IS ANTICIPATED TO ACCUMULATE NEAR \$740 PER FAMILY WITH A 90 PERCENT CHANCE OF HIGH-TECH GIFT GIVING.. EC

NOVEMBER 29 – THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON IS UPON US, AND WHILE MANY ARE FAMILIAR WITH TODAY ... BLACK FRIDAY ... AS THE BEST SHOPPING DAY, FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, THE SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING IS THE ONE THEY LOOK FORWARD TO. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH GREGG THOMPSON- NORTH CAROLINA STATE DIRECTOR OF THE N-F-I-B- ABOUT "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY" AND WHY IT GOT STARTED. EC

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DECEMBER 9 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - DR. MIKE WALDEN OF NCSU GIVES HIS MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE ECONOMY – EC

DECEMBER 9 – EMPLOYERS ADDED 203,000 JOBS IN NOVEMBER, THE FOURTH STRAIGHT MONTH OF SOLID GROWTH BRINGING THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN TO 7 PERCENT. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN BREAKS DOWN THE LATEST NUMBERS WITH CBS NEWS AND KCBS FINANCIAL REPORTER JASON BROOKS. EC

DECEMBER 9 – THE LATEST JOBS REPORT WAS BETTER THAN EXPECTED AND THE VOLCKER RULE COULD BE APPROVED THIS WEEK. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER ABOUT THESE LATEST BUSINESS STORIES. EC

DECEMBER 12 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HOLD THEIR C-SUITE PERSPECTIVES EVENT NEXT WEEK WHICH WILL LOOK AT SUCCESSFUL CEOS AND WHAT TO LEARN FROM THEIR HARD WORK. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH RALEIGH CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT ABOUT THE C-SUITE PERSPECTIVES' EVENT. EC

DECEMBER 12 – NORTH CAROLINA CONTINUES TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO NEWCOMERS.. BUT, THE GROWTH IS VERY UNEVEN AS WE HEAR IN THIS CONVERSATION BETWEEN BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM AND FERRELL GUILLORY (GILL OR EE) DIRECTOR ON THE PROGRAM ON PUBLIC LIFE AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL. EC

DECEMBER 12 – THE LATEST SURVEY OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS FROM THE DUKE FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS FINDS THAT THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT IS IMPACTING JOB DECISIONS. MARLA ROTH GETS THE LATEST FROM PROFESSOR CAMPBELL HARVEY. EC

DECEMBER 16 – FOR THE LATEST BUSINESS NEWS, BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

DECEMBER 17 – IN RALEIGH'S WAREHOUSE DISTRICT, CITRIX IS TRANSFORMING AN OLD BUILDING INTO A MODERN MARVEL. THE TECH GIANT, KNOWN FOR ITS CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR VIRTUAL COMPUTING FROM JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE, IS INTERESTED IN CUTTING EDGE ARCHITECTURE. AND WTVD'S ANNA LAUREL REPORTS THEY ALSO PLAN TO HIRE. EC

DECEMBER 19 – INSURANCE QUOTES-DOT-COM IS OUT WITH ITS LATEST REPORT ON CAR INSURANCE PREMIUMS, AND THE RESULTS MAY SURPRISE YOU. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT HOW MUCH PREMIUMS INCREASE AFTER JUST ONE CLAIM FROM LAURA ADAMS- SENIOR ANALYST AT INSURANCE QUOTES-DOT-COM. EC

DECEMBER 19 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC FORECAST BREAKFAST IS SET FOR JANUARY 10TH AND STARTS OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH A SNAPSHOT OF THE STATE OF BUSINESS IN THE TRIANGLE, AS BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED FROM HARVEY SCHMITT WITH THE CHAMBER. EC

DECEMBER 19 – OUR FOCUS IS ON CHRISTMAS RIGHT NOW, BUT JUST AROUND THE CORNER -- LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY -- IS A BRAND NEW YEAR. THAT MEANS THERE'S ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO PUT OURSELVES IN THE BEST POSSIBLE POSITION FOR THE DREADED INCOME TAX SEASON. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ, HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. EC

DECEMBER 23 – U.S. SENATOR KAY HAGAN SPOKE ON THE SENATE FLOOR THURSDAY TO DISCUSS THE NEED FOR THE SENATE TO PASS AN UNEMPLOYMENT EXTENSION BILL THAT INCLUDES HER PROVISION TO REINSTATE FEDERAL EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR OUT-OF-WORK NORTH CAROLINIANS. EC

DECEMBER 26 – FAMILIES IN WAKE COUNTY AND ACROSS THE NATION GOT AN UNFORTUNATE IOU ON SOME THEIR HOLIDAY PACKAGES THIS CHRISTMAS. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. EC

DECEMBER 26 – WHAT ARE THE TOP LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STORIES OF THE YEAR? BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT FROM HARVEY SCHMITT WITH THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. EC

DECEMBER 26 – HELPING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FARM IN OUR STATE -- THAT'S A MAIN GOAL OF NORTH CAROLINA'S AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER STEVE TROXLER.... ON A RECENT CAROLINA NEWMAKERS WITH DON CURTIS, HE TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE WAYS HIS OFFICE IS PROMOTING WHAT'S BEING GROWN IN OUR STATE. EC

DECEMBER 27 – STARTING ON JANUARY 1ST, NORTH CAROLINA TAX LAWS ARE CHANGING, BUT THAT MAY NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TO PAY MORE TAXES. PERRY WOODS SPOKE WITH NC STATE ECONOMIST DR. MIKE WALDEN TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT CHANGES ARE HAPPENING AND HOW THEY ARE AFFECTING YOU. EC

DECEMBER 31 – THE RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER NAMED SYNGENTA SCIENTIST MARY DELL-CHILTON THE "TAR HEEL OF THE YEAR" AFTER SHE WON THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE FOR HER ONGOING RESEARCH INVOLVING GENETICS IN AN EFFORT TO HELP WITH THE WORLD'S HUNGER PROBLEM. EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN SHE WON THE AWARD, RHONDA GARRISON SPOKE WITH HER AT RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK. EC

ED- Education/PSA/Science

OCTOBER 8 – THE INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF PAIN UPON A STUDENT AS A DISCIPLINARY MEASURE ... THAT'S THE DEFINITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT. BUT STUDIES SHOW THAT IT HAS NO ACADEMIC BENEFIT -- AND THUS -- INSTANCES OF ITS ADMINISTRATION, NATIONWIDE, HAS DRAMATICALLY DROPPED.

WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH TOM VITAGLIONE (VEE-TOH-L'YOH-NAY) WITH ACTION FOR CHILDREN NORTH CAROLINA WHO SAYS THE NEW DATA IS ENCOURAGING. ED

OCTOBER 9 – NEW GLOBAL TEST RESULTS SHOW AMERICAN ADULTS AREN'T MAKING THE GRADE IN A NUMBER OF SKILLS COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES.... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. ED

OCTOBER 9 – WAKE COUNTY VOTERS HAVE APPROVED A \$810 MILLION SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE DETAILS FOR US. ED

OCTOBER 10 – THE \$810 MILLION IN WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BONDS GOT THE GREEN LIGHT FROM VOTERS THIS WEEK -- NOW THE PROCESS BEGINS TO PUT THAT PLAN IN PLACE, INCLUDING TAX INCREASES. COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JOE BRYANT TOLD WPTF'S MARLA ROTH... HE WANTS TO ASSURE THOSE WHO VOTED FOR -- AND AGAINST -- THE BONDS THAT EVERY STEP WILL BE TAKEN TO USE THE MONEY PRUDENTLY. ED

OCTOBER 21 – IN TIMES OF TROUBLE AND IN TIMES OF PROSPERITY, NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE BENEFITING FROM THE WORK OF ONE OF OUR AREA'S MOST INVOLVED PRIVATE PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS – THE JOHN WILLIAM POPE FOUNDATION. NOW THE FOUNDATION HAS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS AREA'S EAGLE SCOUTS. DONNA MARTINEZ TALKED WITH DAVID BASS ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP AND WHY THE POPE FOUNDATION FOCUSES ON HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES. ED

OCTOBER 24 – THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH INFUSED A HUGE AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY INTO THE TRIANGLE THIS WEEK. BETWEEN UNC AND DUKE, THE N-I-H GAVE 100 MILLION DOLLARS FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S JASON DEBRUYN ABOUT HOW THIS MONEY WILL BE USED. ED

OCTOBER 30 – TEACHER SHORTAGES, BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, REASSIGNMENT, SCHOOL BONDS. THESE ARE ISSUES WE CONSISTENTLY HEAR ABOUT WHEN DISCUSSING EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA. COULD OFFERING ONLINE COURSES IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALLEVIATE SOME OF THESE ROADBLOCKS? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKS ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL ON THE INTERNET WITH RON PACKARD, CEO OF K-12 INC. ED

OCTOBER 30 – THE JOHN LENNON EDUCATIONAL TOUR BUS WILL ROLL THROUGH THE TRIANGLE TODAY (WED.) AND THURSDAY IN RALEIGH AND DURHAM, OFFERING TOURS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WHAT IS IT? AS BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM ENGINEER/PRODUCER HANS TANNER, IT IS A HANDS ON WAY FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MUSIC AND VIDEO CREATION. ED

NOVEMBER 4 – TEACHERS ALL OVER NORTH CAROLINA ARE PLANNING "WALK-INS" TO FIGHT WHAT THEY CALL TERRIBLE CHANGES TO EDUCATION MADE THIS PAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE DETAILS. ED

NOVEMBER 5 – WHILE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS HELD WALK-IN EVENTS ON CAMPUSES ACROSS THE STATE, MONDAY, AN ADVOCACY GROUP HELD A RALLY IN SUPPORT OF THEIR PLIGHT AT THE CAPITOL GROUNDS IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH YEVONNE BRANNON WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FIRST NC TO HEAR WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY TO THE TO THE HUNDREDS WHO SHOWED UP. ED

NOVEMBER 5 – IS THERE A STEM WORKFORCE SHORTAGE? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ENJI (LIKE BENJI WITHOUT THE 'B') DANNANBERG WITH BAYER CROP SCIENCE WHO SAYS MORE NEW STEM JOBS ARE BEING CREATED TODAY VERSUS NEW NON-STEM JOBS, AND IT'S A TREND THAT'S LIKELY HERE TO STAY FOR QUITE SOME TIME. ED

NOVEMBER 5 – ONE IN THREE KIDS IN THE U.S. ENTER KINDERGARTEN WITH BELOW AVERAGE COGNITIVE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND NEED MORE HELP TO CATCH UP ... THAT FROM A ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION REPORT "THE FIRST EIGHT YEARS: GIVING KIDS A FOUNDATION FOR A LIFETIME OF SUCCESS.. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH THE FOUNDATION'S ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR POLICY REFORM ADVOCACY LAURA SPEER. ED

NOVEMBER 5 – FROM TEACHER WALK IN'S THIS WEEK TO END OF GRADE NUMBERS AND MORE, EDUCATION IN OUR STATE HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE NEWS RECENTLY. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON ON A POSSIBLE TEACHER SHORTAGE AND END OF GRADE NUMBERS BEING DOWN, AS HE TALKS WITH JOURNALIST CASH MICHAELS. ED

NOVEMBER 6 – IT STARTED AS A WAY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN IN PRISON, NOW IT HELPS MANY ADULTS LEARN TO READ, SO THEY CAN BUILD BETTER BONDS WITH THEIR CHILDREN. BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM TALKED WITH THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF MOTHER READ, CAROLYN DICKENS. ED

NOVEMBER 7 – AS YOU'VE HEARD IN THE NEWS, THERE IS A GROWING "SKILLS GAP" IN THE IN SCIENCE AND MATH EDUCATION AND A LOCAL COMPANY, SAS, WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE...AS BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED FROM HARVEY SCHMITT WITH THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ED

NOVEMBER 7 – A NEW REPORT EXAMINES THE COLLEGE READINESS CRISIS AND "MISSING YEARS" IN AMERICAN EDUCATION, AND THE RESULTS MAY SURPRISE YOU. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT THOSE RESULTS FROM GREG CAPPELLI- CEO OF THE APOLLO GROUP. ED

NOVEMBER 12 – TOMORROW IS THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW MARBLES KIDS MUSEUM'S "READY, SET, SCHOOL" EXHIBIT, WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF MARBLES' NATIONALLY-FUNDED SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH PAM HARTLEY, MARBLES' VICE PRESIDENT OF PLAY EXPERIENCE, TO GET THE DETAILS. ED

NOVEMBER 14 – BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY IN THE U.S. HOUSE AND SENATE WOULD EXPAND ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS FROM LOW-AND MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE. WPTF'S JOSH DISCUSSED THE STRONG START FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN ACT WITH EARLY ED ADVOCATE KRIS PERRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FIRST FIVE YEARS FUND. ED

NOVEMBER 14 – LAPTOPS, SMARTPHONES, TABLETS, E-READERS -- THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT TECHNOLOGY IS A HUGE HELP FOR KIDS IN THE CLASSROOM AND AT HOME. BUT NEW RESEARCH IS RAISING A RED FLAG ABOUT HOW MUCH TECHNOLOGY IS ENOUGH, AND WHEN IT ACTUALLY BECOMES A HINDRANCE TO A CHILD'S EDUCATION. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ LOOK AT THIS WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. ED

NOVEMBER 18 – TWO WEEKS AGO THE STATE RELEASED TEST SCORES FROM THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR THAT SHOWED CLOSE TO 55 PERCENT OF NORTH CAROLINA STUDENTS WERE NOT PROFICIENT IN READING AT THE END OF THIRD GRADE. DONNA MARTINEZ SITS DOWN WITH BILL LUMAYE TO DISCUSS THE SHOCKING NUMBERS BEHIND THE TEST SCORES AND BREAK DOWN THE SCORES BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP. ED

NOVEMBER 18 – CHOOSING A COLLEGE MAJOR MIGHT NOT BE SUCH A SIGNIFICANT DECISION AFTER ALL. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. ED

NOVEMBER 25 – EVOLUTION AND CLIMATE SCIENCE ARE ONCE AGAIN UNDER HOT DEBATE. JOSH ZACH HAS THE DETAILS IN THIS CHAPTER OF EYE ON EDUCATION. ED

NOVEMBER 26 – A NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM WILL PREMIERE NEXT JANUARY DURING NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK WHICH FOCUS ON ONE QUESTION: WHAT IS SCHOOL CHOICE? BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH FILM DIRECTOR BOB BOWDEN ABOUT WHAT THIS FILM DISCOVERED ABOUT OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. ED

DECEMBER 12 – PRINT IS DEAD. IT'S A EUPHEMISM WE'VE HEARD FOR DECADES. BUT PRINT IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL MEDIUMS IN WHICH JOURNALISTS TELL A STORY. THE REAL QUESTION FACING US TODAY IS, "IS JOURNALISM DYING?" WPTF'S JOSH ZACH EXPLORES THE ISSUE WITH DR. LYNN OWENS -- ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY -- WHOSE RESEARCH OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS FINDS THE JOB MARKET IS QUESTIONING THE EMPLOYABILITY OF TOMORROW'S REPORTERS. ED

DECEMBER 17 – IT'S A CHRISTMAS TRADITION THAT HAS SPANNED TIME AND TECHNOLOGY -- BUYING BESTSELLERS FOR THE BOOKWORMS IN OUR FAMILIES. BUT A SURPRISING NEW READING TREND HAS DEVELOPED, AND IT COULD CHANGE THE KINDS OF BOOKS WE PUT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE. IT'S THE TOPIC OF BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. ED

DECEMBER 18 – A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT FROM WAKE TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE RELATED TO A LONG TERM FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH MORT CONGLETON, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WAKE TECH FOUNDATION ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN KNOWN AS THE "RIPPLE EFFECT." ED

DECEMBER 18 – PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE GOING TO COURT TO FIGHT A NEW NORTH CAROLINA LAW THAT ELIMINATES JOB PROTECTIONS IN FAVOR OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS. THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS FILED A LAWSUIT TUESDAY AND NCAE PRESIDENT RODNEY ELLIS TALKS TO WPTF'S MARLA ROTH ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE SUIT. ED

DECEMBER 19 – A BRUNSWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER IS CONTINUING HER EFFORTS TO BLOCK THE PULITZER PRIZE WINNING NOVEL "THE COLOR PURPLE" FROM BEING USED IN SOME ENGLISH CLASSES AT WEST BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CHRIS BROOK LEGAL DIRECTOR WITH THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. ED

EH - Environment/Health

OCTOBER 2 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-METEOROLOGIST ROD GONSKI "TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER" EH

OCTOBER 21 – DESPITE THE QUIET HURRICANE SEASON TO DATE, WE AREN'T OUT OF THE WOODS YET. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH JAY BARNES- AUTHOR OF NORTH CAROLINA'S HURRICANE HISTORY- TO DISCUSS WHEN THE MOST ACTIVE PART OF THE HURRICANE SEASON IS, AND GET JAY'S TAKE ON THE WORST HURRICANE HE HAS EVER WITNESSED. EH

NOVEMBER 22 – MORE BUSINESSES ARE MAKING USE OF WHAT WE THROW AWAY -- BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH SHERRI YARKSOSKY (YAR-KOFF-SKEE) WHO COMPILED THE LATEST REPORT ON RECYCLING JOBS AND SPENDING FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES. EH

NOVEMBER 26 – SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST AIRPORTS -- INCLUDING CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INT'L -- COULD SEE DELAYS BETWEEN NOW AND THANKSGIVING AS A WINTER STORM CONTINUES TO MOVE EASTWARD. THE SYSTEM COMES LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER WEATHER PROGNOSTICATORS GAVE US THEIR WINTER PREDICTIONS ... NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE METEOROLOGIST JONATHAN BLAES TELL JOSH ZACH THAT THEY LEFT PLENTY OF WIGGLE ROOM IN THEIR FORECAST . EH

DECEMBER 11 – NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS SAY LINCOLN COUNTY AND PARTS OF CATAWBA COUNTY ARE NOW UNDER STATE QUARANTINE RULES FOR THE IMPORTED FIRE ANT AS EFFORTS CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SPREAD AND ADDRESS CONTROL MEASURES. WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE N.C. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, THE QUARANTINE NOW INCLUDES 71 COUNTIES. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH PHILLIP WILSON IS PLANT PEST ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES. EH

DECEMBER 26 – FROM THE CHILLY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TO OUR NEXT HOLIDAY, NEWS YEARS, IT APPEARS MOTHER NATURE IS TAKING IT PRETTY EASY ON US...AS BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT FROM ACCUWEATHER'S MAGGIE JOHNSON. EH

GA – Government Affairs

OCTOBER 1 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY WASTED NO TIME COMMENTING ON THE NEWS THAT THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL FILING A LAWSUIT TO FIGHT THE MAJOR ELECTION CHANGES -- INCLUDING VOTER ID --- SIGNED INTO LAW EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE ISSUED A STATEMENT ONLY HOURS AFTER THE LAWSUIT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED. GA

OCTOBER 7 – LAST WEEK THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FILED SUIT AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA TO BLOCK PARTS OF THE NEW VOTER ID LAW WHICH SHORTENS EARLY VOTING AND REQUIRES PHOTO IDENTIFICATION TO CAST BALLOTS. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH MANAGING EDITOR OF THE CAROLINA JOURNAL RICK HENDERSON TO DISCUSS THE REASONING BEHIND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER'S LAWSUIT. GA

OCTOBER 10 – DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE, WHO SERVES THE TRIANGLE, IS WEIGHING IN ON THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. HE GIVES HIS OPINION TO WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON ON THE IMPACT OF THE SHUTDOWN ON THE TAR HEEL STATE GA

OCTOBER 11 – DESPITE THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY SHUTTING DOWN ALL MEMORIAL SITES, GROUPS OF VETERANS STORMED THE BARRICADES OF THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON D.C. THIS WEEK. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH MICHAEL CONELLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE

FOUNDATION, HOW VETERANS ARE BEING TURNED AWAY FROM NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND THIS WEEKEND'S VETERANS MARCH TO CALL ON CONGRESS TO REOPEN NATIONAL PARKS AND MEMORIALS. GA

OCTOBER 12 – THE ENROLLMENT FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT HAS STARTED AND SOME SMALL BUSINESSES ARE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT OBAMACARE WILL IMPACT THEM -- AND JUST AHEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FILED SUIT AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW VOTERS LAWS. PATRICK JOHNSON BROACHED BOTH TOPICS WITH DEMOCRATIC SENATOR KAY HAGAN. GA

OCTOBER 12 – FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S TOURISM INDUSTRY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN COULDN'T COME AT A WORSE TIME. WITT TUTTLE DIRECTOR OF TOURISM AND MARKETING WITH THE NC COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TELLS WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER OPTIONS IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO ENJOY WHAT OUR STATE HAS TO OFFER. GA

OCTOBER 12 – THE OBAMA'S ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO SUE NORTH CAROLINA OVER GOVERNOR PAT MCCORY'S VOTER ID BILL WAS MET WITH QUICK APPLAUSE. HOWEVER, NOT EVERYONE AGREES WITH THAT DECISION. JAY DELANCY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOTER INTEGRITY PROJECT IN NC, TELLS BILL LUMAYE WHY HE THINKS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ERICK HOLDER WILL REGRET THIS MOVE. GA

OCTOBER 14 – THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON A BEVY OF ISSUES, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS IS NO EXCEPTION. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH JOE VIOLANTE (VEE-OH-LON-TAY)- THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV)- TO FIND OUT HOW WASHINGTON'S PARTIAL CLOSURE HAS AFFECTED VETERANS, AND WHAT THE DAV IS DOING ABOUT IT. GA

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OCTOBER 16 – NORTH CAROLINIANS VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY IN 2012 TO DEFINE MARRIAGE IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION AS SOLELY BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN. DESPITE THAT, THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS IS REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO BEGIN ACCEPTING MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS FROM SAME-SEX COUPLES, THEN SEEK APPROVAL FROM NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER. TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VALUES COALITION – THE GROUP THAT SPEARHEADED LAST YEAR'S TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE EFFORT -- REACTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT WITH WPTF'S DONNA MARTINEZ. GA

OCTOBER 22 – WHILE SOME STATES SAY THEY WILL ALLOW FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO KEEP UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS THEY RECEIVED DURING THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, ALONG WITH THE BACK PAY THEY WILL BE GETTING, NORTH CAROLINA IS PLANNING TO GO "BY THE BOOK" AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM DALE FOLWELL, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR THE DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. GA

OCTOBER 24 – WITH THE BUDGET DEAL IN PLACE -- FOR NOW -- HOW IS THAT IMPACTING MILITARY FINANCING? WHAT ABOUT OUR MILITARY'S READINESS? PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH MILITARY CHANNEL'S JOHN GRESHAM AND ASKED HIM THESE QUESTIONS. GA

OCTOBER 24 – IN WAKE OF THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AMVETS IS PUSHING LEGISLATION TO FUND THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FOR A FULL YEAR AND KEEP VETERANS OUT OF WASHINGTON POLITICS AND POSTURING. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH STEWART HICKEY AMVETS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ABOUT TWO PROGRAMS TO HELP VETARANS ONCE THEY RETURN FROM THE BATTLEFIELD. GA

OCTOBER 28 – AN OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR IS BEING BLAMED FOR AN OUTAGE, SUNDAY, TO THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE. THE LATEST SETBACK IS FUEL FOR A HOUSE COMMITTEE THAT'S BEEN INVESTIGATING THE MOUNTING PROBLEMS WITH THE SITE WHERE PEOPLE CAN SIGN UP FOR INSURANCE.

PRIOR TO SUNDAY'S ONLINE SNAFU, WPTF'S BILL LUMAYE SPOKE WITH U.S. HOUSE REP. DAVID PRICE ABOUT THE ISSUE. GA

OCTOBER 29 – ATTENTION WAKE COUNTY RESIDENTS: THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES AFFECTING THE COUNTY. IT IS LAUNCHING WHAT IT CALLS "THE LISTENING TOUR." COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JOE BRYAN AND WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSS WHAT'S EXPECTED. GA

OCTOBER 30 – WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR NORTH CAROLINA? ON RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS -- DON CURTIS ASKED ROB SCHOFELD (SKO-FIELD), POLICY DIRECTOR OF NORTH CAROLINA POLICY WATCH ABOUT HIS MAJOR ISSUES OF CONCERN. GA

NOVEMBER 4 – AS OF NOVEMBER 1ST MORE THAN 1.7 MILLION NORTH CAROLINIANS WILL SEE THEIR FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFITS CUT, AS A TEMPORARY BOOST TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -- OR SNAP -- EXPIRED. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH JENNIFER CASLIN AT THE FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA DISCUSS THE IMPACT ON THESE ALREADY HUNGRY FAMILIES. GA

NOVEMBER 5 – URBAN HUNTING IS COMING TO DURHAM. COUNCIL MEMBERS LAST NIGHT APPROVED BOW HUNTING WITHIN CITY LIMITS. THE ORDINANCE IS AIMED AT CONTROLLING THE BOOMING DEER POPULATION. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY. GA

NOVEMBER 7 – DHHS SECRETARY KATHLEEN SEBELIUS WAS BACK BEFORE CONGRESS WEDNESDAY THIS TIME BEFORE THE SENATE TO TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS WITH THE ROLLOUT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. CBS' BOB FUSS WAS THERE HE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. GA

NOVEMBER 7 – TORONTO MAYOR ROB FORD ADMITTED THIS WEEK THAT HE HAS USED CRACK COCAINE. JANE MOSS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR CANADIAN STUDIES AT DUKE UNIVERSITY SAYS CANADIANS TEND TO WANT TO RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS MORE THAN AMERICANS DO. THEY DO NOT DEMAND MEDICAL RECORDS FOR CANDIDATES AND DO NOT DEMAND TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR PRIVATE/SEX LIVES. SHE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. GA

NOVEMBER 18 – THE REPUBLICAN HOUSE LEADERSHIP SAYS IT WILL NOT TAKE UP A SENATE PASSED IMMIGRATION BILL THIS YEAR. DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE OF THE TRIANGLE TOLD DON CURTIS ON A RECENT CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS THAT THIS YEAR PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GET SOMETHING DONE. GA

NOVEMBER 18 – NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER WAYNE GOODWIN HAS REACTED QUICKLY TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT INSURANCE POLICIES THAT WERE CANCELLED BECUASE THEY DID NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT CAN BE REINSTATED. GA

DECEMBER 19 – NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY RELEASED HIS END OF YEAR MESSAGE WEDNESDAY... COMPLETE WITH A HOLIDAY BLESSING. GA

GR - Growth/Transportation/Roads

OCTOBER 3 – THIS MONTH RALEIGH RESIDENTS WILL CAST THEIR VOTE FOR OR AGAINST A \$75 MILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH HARVEY SCHMITT, PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION BOND LINKS TOE THE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE AREA. GR

OCTOBER 8 – HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA, FARMERS GROW CORN FOR OUR TABLES AND FOR FEEDING ANIMALS. BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, MORE AND MORE CORN IS BEING GROWN FOR USE AS FUEL IN ORDER TO SATISFY A MANDATE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THIS DIVERSION OF CORN FROM THE TABLE TO THE GAS TANK IS HAVING NEGATIVE IMPACTS PEOPLE MAY NOT REALIZE, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN ENERGY ALLIANCE. DONNA MARTINEZ TALKED WITH THE GROUP'S PRESIDENT, THOMAS PYLE, WHO SAYS THE REQUIREMENT IS ARTIFICIAL AND MAKES NO SENSE. GR

OCTOBER 24 – MOTOR-VEHICLE CRASHES ARE THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF TEENS IN AMERICA, WHICH IS WHY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHED TEEN SAFE DRIVING WEEK.

JIM GRAHAM -- WITH FORD'S DRIVING SKILLS FOR LIFE PROGRAM -- TELLS JOSH ZACH THE GOAL OF THIS WEEK'S INITIATIVE IS TO GET PARENTS TO DISCUSS SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES WITH THEIR KIDS. GR

OCTOBER 29 -- THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAYS ITS PROJECT TO REBUILD AN 11 AND A HALF MILE STRETCH OF I-40 AND I-440 BEGINS THIS WEEK. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DUBBED "CRAWLEIGH" IN ANTICIPATION OF MAJOR TRAFFIC HEADACHES FOR DRIVERS ... MORE NOW FROM WTVB'S FRED SHROPSHIRE. GR

NOVEMBER 4 -- FORMER WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TONY TATA IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT .. HE TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE AGENCY'S INITIATIVES WITH DON CURTIS ON THIS PAST WEEKEND'S EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. GR

NOVEMBER 7 -- THE ANNUAL SPECIAL EQUIPMENT MARKET ASSOCIATION (SEMA) AUTO SHOW IS UNDERWAY IN LAS VEGAS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH AUTOMOTIVE EXPERT PATRICK HONG ABOUT THE SHOW AND WHAT IT OFFERS. GR

NOVEMBER 8 -- A NEW STUDY LOOKS AT THE NATION'S THE DETERIORATING ROADS, INTERSTATES, FREEWAYS AND OTHER ARTERIAL ROUTES THAT ARE IN "SUBSTANDARD" CONDITION WHICH CAN COSTS INDIVIDUAL'S AS MUCH AS \$800 PER YEAR!! NOT TO MENTION THEY'RE "UNSAFE"! WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH PETE RAHN "NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRACTICE" LEADER OF HNTB CORPORATION A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING FIRM. GR

NOVEMBER 8 -- TRAVELING BY TRAIN IN NORTH CAROLINA? THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS LAUNCHED A NEW WEBSITE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO EXPERIENCE NORTH CAROLINA BY RAIL. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO RAIL DIVISION DIRECTOR PAUL WORLEY ABOUT NC-BY-TRAIN-DOT-ORG. GR

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NOVEMBER 13 -- THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE MERGER OF US AIRWAYS AND AMERICAN AIRLINES. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN LEARNS MORE ABOUT THE MERGER AND IT'S IMPACT ON CONSUMERS FROM CBS TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY ANALYST MARK ROSENKER FORMER HEAD OF THE NTSB.. GR

NOVEMBER 13 -- THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW AMERICAN AIRLINES AND US AIRWAYS TO MERGE, CREATING THE WORLD'S BIGGEST AIRLINE. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS TRAVEL EXPERT PETER GREENBURG TO FIND OUT HOW THIS MERGER WILL AFFECT PASSENGERS. GR

NOVEMBER 20 -- IN 1978, HOUSEWIFE LOIS GIBBS' CHILD ATTENDED AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILT NEXT TO A 20,000 TON, TOXIC-CHEMICAL DUMP IN NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK. DESPERATE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, SHE ORGANIZED HER NEIGHBORS INTO THE LOVE CANAL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. NOW GIBBS, THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR HEALTH ENVIRONMENT AND JUSTICE, BRINGS HER "FRACKING TOUR" TO NORTH CAROLINA... AND SHE SPOKE WITH OUR BRIAN FREEMAN. GR

NOVEMBER 25 -- GAS PRICES AND AIRFARES ARE BOTH CHEAPER THAN LAST YEAR AND AAA CAROLINAS SPOKESPERSON ANGELA VOGEL DAILY TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT IT'S JUST IN TIME FOR THE THANKSGIVING TRAVEL WEEKEND GR

NOVEMBER 26 -- TRAVELERS ACROSS THE NATION ARE CLOSELY WATCHING THE WEATHER AS THEY BEGIN THEIR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE LATEST TRAVELERS FORECAST FROM ACCUWEATHER'S STEVE TRAVIS. GR

NOVEMBER 26 -- THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MEANS MANY ARE HITTING THE ROADS -- AND SOME ARE TAKING THE TRIP OVER TO THE AIRPORT TO HEAD LONGER DISTANCES -- BRUCE FERRELL GETS AN UPDATE ON WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE TRAVELING THE FRIENDLY SKIES FROM RDU'S MINDY HAMLIN. GR

DECEMBER 9 – NCPIRG EDUCATION FUND HAS RELEASED A FIRST OF ITS KIND REPORT SHOWING THAT ON AVERAGE RESIDENTS OF RALEIGH ARE DRIVING LESS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN GETS MORE FROM NCPIRG'S KALILA ZUNES-WOLF (KUH-LEE-LUH ZOON-NES WOLF) GR

DECEMBER 9 – IF YOU'RE PICKING UP A RELATIVE OR FRIEND AT THE AIRPORT, YOU MIGHT WANT TO DOUBLE-CHECK THEIR STATUS FIRST. FLIGHT DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS ARE RIPPLING DOWN FROM THE NORTHEAST TO RDU. WTVD TV'S ALENA ATHENS REPORTS. GR

DECEMBER 11 – JD POWER AND ASSOCIATES IS SYNONYMOUS WITH CAR REVIEWS. BUT, WHAT INFORMATION DOES THE COMPANY COMPILE ON CARS AND WHY? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH THE FOUNDER OF THE COMPANY - JD POWER THE THIRD - TO FIND OUT. GR

DECEMBER 16 – THE CRAWLEIGH HIGHWAY PROJECT COULD BRING YOUR MORNING COMMUTE TO A SCREECHING HALT THIS MORNING. DAYTIME LANE CLOSURES WILL BE IN PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING RUSH HOUR TODAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS ON WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT. GR

DECEMBER 16 – AS YOU MAY BE TAKING A FLIGHT OUT SOON FOR THE HOLIDAYS THIS YEAR, YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW THINGS MAY LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT AT THE AIRPORT IF YOUR NEXT TRIP IS NOT UNTIL THIS TIME NEXT YEAR. BRUCE FERRELL GOT AN UPDATE FROM MINDY HAMLIN AT RALEIGH DURHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON PROGRESS AT TERMINAL 1. GR

DECEMBER 18 – HE'S A MAN THAT HAS HAD HIS HAND ON THE PULSE OF THE AUTO INDUSTRY FOR QUITE SOME TIME...JD POWER OF JD POWER AND ASSOCIATES. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH HIM TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS THAT SEPARATES THE AUTOMAKERS THAT HAVE CONTINUED SUCCESS FROM THOSE THAT FIZZLE OUT OVER THE YEARS. GR

DECEMBER 18 – THE CRAWLEIGH CONSTRUCTION ZONE COULD CHANGE SCHOOLS' START TIMES IN WAKE COUNTY. SCHOOL LEADERS SAY THE ROAD WORK WILL HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON BUS ROUTES. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS MORE. GR

DECEMBER 19 – THE HOLIDAY TRAVEL SEASON, WHICH IS DEFINED THIS YEAR AS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST THROUGH WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, IS ALMOST UPON US. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH TRIPLE-A CAROLINAS ANGELA VOGEL DALEY TO FIND OUT WHAT THE LATEST FIGURES SHOW FOR THIS HOLIDAY TRAVEL SEASON. GR

HO – Housing

OCTOBER 16 – LIVABILITY DOT COM IS OUT WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR NEW RANKINGS OF SMALL-TO-MID-SIZED U.S. CITIES AND -- AS YOU MAY NOW COME TO EXPECT AS OLD HAT -- NORTH CAROLINA IS WELL REPRESENTED. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH LIVABILITY DOT COM EDITOR MATT CARMICHAEL TO TALK ABOUT DURHAM BEING RANKED 4TH OVERALL ON THEIR LATEST TOP 100 BEST PLACES TO LIVE INDEX. HO

NOVEMBER 11 – MONEY MAGAZINE RECENTLY RELEASED ITS ANNUAL LIST OF THE BEST PLACES TO RETIRE.. ONE NORTH CAROLINA CITY IS AMONG THEM. HO

NOVEMBER 13 – DUE TO THE CHILLY TEMPERATURES EXPECTED TONIGHT.. THE RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION IS PUTTING INTO EFFECT ITS WHITE FLAG PROGRAM... WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSES THE EFFORT WITH THE MISSION'S DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, LESLIE MILLETT.. HO

NOVEMBER 29 – THE CITY OF RALEIGH IS HOLDING A SERIES OF PUBLIC FORUMS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS TO ENGAGE RESIDENTS ON URBAN DESIGN EDUCATION, AND THE ISSUES AFFECTING RALEIGH TODAY AS THE CITY PLANS THE FUTURE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SAT DOWN WITH SARAH POWERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VISUAL ART EXCHANGE, TO DISCUSS JUST HOW MUCH THE CITY TAKES IN TO ACCOUNT THE INPUT OF RESIDENTS. HO

HSM – Health, Safety and Medical Affairs

OCTOBER 1 – ANIMAL CONTROL IN RALEIGH TRAPPED A RACCOON, LAST WEEK, THAT WAS LATER CONFIRMED TO BE RABID. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN ADVANCE OF WORLD RABIES DAY -- WHICH WAS RECOGNIZED ON SATURDAY -- AS AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO THE DANGERS OF RABIES AND WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. MARYANNE MCBRIDE WITH THE WAKE COUNTY SPCA, TO DISCUSS THE DANGERS AND HOW THEY CAN BE EASILY AVOIDED. HSM

OCTOBER 1 – NEW DATA SUGGESTS THAT HOME BIRTHS MAY NOT BE AS SAFE AS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE FINDINGS OF A RECENT STUDY WITH DR. HAYWOOD BROWN, CHAIR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AT DUKE, WHO SAYS THERE IS A PROFOUND HOME BIRTH MOVEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA ... AND MOTHER'S MAKING THIS CHOICE NEED TO CONSULT WITH QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO ENSURE THE BEST OUTCOMES. HSM

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OCTOBER 3 – HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN HAS FORCED THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO FURLOUGH MORE THAN 300 WORKERS AND THAT'S IMPACTING THE SERVICES IT PROVIDES ESPECIALLY THE WIC PROGRAM. AMONG MANY THINGS THE WIC PROGRAM HELPS FEEDS MORE THAN 200,000 WOMEN, INFANT, AND CHILDREN EVERY MONTH. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS MORE. HSM

OCTOBER 3 – HOW WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO FEED 9 BILLION PEOPLE BY THE YEAR 2050? THOSE ARE THE STAGGERING POPULATION PROJECTIONS THAT EXPERTS ARE WRESTLING WITH, AND -- ON OCTOBER 16TH -- WE WILL RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM WITH WORLD FOOD DAY. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ADRIAN PERCY AT BAYER CROPS SCIENCE TO DISCUSS FOOD SCARCITY, THE LACK OF WATER SUPPLIES AND WHAT'S BEING DONE TODAY TO SOLVE TOMORROW'S PROBLEMS. HSM

OCTOBER 3 – WAKEMED IS OPERATING WITHOUT A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE HOSPITAL'S OPERATING BUDGET IS UNDER SOME PRESSURE FOLLOWING A LOSS IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR ... WPTF'S MARLA ROTH SPOKE WITH THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S JASON DEBRUYN TO GET AN UPDATE ON HOW THE HOSPITAL IS MOVING FORWARD. HSM

OCTOBER 3 – THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS FOCUSING OUR ATTENTION ON NEW HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, BUT THERE'S ANOTHER SIDE TO THE HEALTH CARE EQUATION. MORE PEOPLE ACCESSING DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS MEANS GREATER DEMAND FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. AND THAT HAS EMPLOYMENT ANALYSTS WONDERING WHERE ALL THE NEW HEALTH CARE WORKERS WILL COME FROM. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ LOOK AT WHAT THIS WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

OCTOBER 3 – OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, AND WHILE WE STILL HAVE YET TO FIND A CURE FOR THE DISEASE, SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE OVER THE YEARS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CHANDINI PORTTEUS (SHAWN-DIN-EE POUR-TEE-US)- THE CHIEF MISSION OFFICER WITH SUSAN G. KOMEN- TO FIND OUT HOW LONG BREAST CANCER HAS BEEN RESEARCHED, AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT TO FIND A CURE. HSM

OCTOBER 7 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. MICHAEL SPRITOS FO DUKE RALEIGH HOSPITAL DISCUSSES INNOVATIONS IN CANCER TREATMENT. HSM

OCTOBER 8 – TURNS OUT WHAT PRO ATHLETES SAYCAN BE BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH. A NEW REPORT IN THE JOURNAL PEDIATRICS IS CRITICAL OF PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES WHO PROMOTE FOODS WHICH ARE NOT HEALTHY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

OCTOBER 8 – THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 6-12) HAS BEEN DECLARED FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND STATE FIRE MARSHALL WAYNE GOODWIN IS URGING EVERYONE TO UPHOLD THIS YEAR'S THEME "PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES." WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH COMMISSIONER GOODWIN TO GET TIPS ON HOW TO PREVENT COOKING FIRES... WHICH ARE THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF HOME FIRES AND HOME INJURIES. HSM

OCTOBER 9 – TWO ESPN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS WILL DISCUSS THE NFL'S RESPONSE TO THE RISKS OF PLAYERS' HEAD INJURIES FOLLOWING A SCREENING OF THE PBS DOCUMENTARY "LEAGUE OF DENIAL: THE NFL'S CONCUSSION CRISIS," ON THURSDAY, OCT. 10, AT DUKE UNIVERSITY. FOLLOWING THE SCREENING, PHILIP BENNETT, A DUKE PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY WHO SERVED AS THE FILM'S MANAGING EDITOR, WILL LEAD AN AUDIENCE DISCUSSION. HSM

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OCTOBER 9 – OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH ... COINCIDENTALLY THE CAMPAIGN FALLS IN LINE AT A TIME WHERE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HAVE REVISED TESTING GUIDELINES TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF TESTING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF CERTAIN TYPES OF THE DISEASE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ONCOLOGIST DR. ELIZABETH HAMMOND TO DISCUSS THE UPDATED GUIDELINE THAT AIM TO DELIVER IMPROVED PATIENT OUTCOMES. HSM

OCTOBER 10 – TODAY IS NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY AND -- THIS MORNING AND AFTERNOON -- THE DUKE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY HOSTING A SERIES OF FREE SCREENING EVENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AS PART OF NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. SARAH LISANBY AT DUKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT THE UNIVERSITY. HSM

OCTOBER 10 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HOLD A PROGRAM ON THE NAVIGATING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AT A FORUM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH. CHAMBER PRESIDENT, HARVEY SCHMITT, GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN DETAILS ON THE EVENT. HSM

OCTOBER 10 – BEING ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL IS A SERIOUS EVENT THAT PRODUCES ALL SORTS OF WORRIES ABOUT LIFE AND DEATH, RECOVERY TIME, EFFECT ON THE JOB AND THE FAMILY, AND OF COURSE, HOW TO PAY FOR IT. BUT HOSPITALS ARE FINDING THEY'RE INADVERTENTLY ADDING TO PATIENTS' WORRIES AND HEALTH PROBLEMS. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ LOOK AT THIS WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

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OCTOBER 12 – WITH FLU SEASON APPROACHING, IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT GETTING A FLU SHOT. BUT, HOW OLD DO YOU HAVE TO BE TO GET ONE, AND ARE THERE OPTIONS FOR THOSE THAT ARE ALLERGIC TO EGGS? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON GOT THE ANSWERS FROM DR. RONALD RAGAN (RAY-GAN) - THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AT HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY. HSM

OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH-- A TIME WHEN THE WORLD TURNS PINK... SO IT SEEMS.. TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE DETRIMENTS OF BREAST CANCER. IN THE TRIANGLE, THE PRETTY IN PINK FOUNDATION SPENDS, NOT JUST ONE MONTH, BUT THE WHOLE YEAR, RAISING FUNDS AND AWARENESS TO HELP UNDERINSURED BREAST CANCER PATIENTS GET THE CARE THEY NEED. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS WITH THE FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PENNY LAURA-CHELLA AND PROJECT DIRECTOR BERNADETTE PICKLES ABOUT WHAT THEY DO. HSM

OCTOBER 14 – BRITISH SCIENTISTS SAID, LAST WEEK, THEY DISCOVERED A DRUG THAT APPEARS TO STOP BRAIN CELL DEGENERATION IN MICE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS QUICKLY LAUDED BY SOME AS A BREAKTHROUGH THAT COULD ONE DAY TREAT ALZHEIMER'S, PARKINSON'S AND OTHER AILMENTS IN HUMANS. BUT DUKE PROFESSOR DR. MURALI DORAISWAMI (MER-ALLEY DORIS-SWAMMY) TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT HE'S NOT LINING UP TO BUY THE HYPE. HSM

OCTOBER 14 – HOW WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO FEED 9 BILLION PEOPLE BY THE YEAR 2050? THOSE ARE THE STAGGERING POPULATION PROJECTIONS THAT EXPERTS ARE WRESTLING WITH, AND ON THIS WEDNESDAY WE WILL RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM WITH WORLD FOOD DAY. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ADRIAN PERCY AT BAYER CROPS SCIENCE TO DISCUSS FOOD SCARCITY, THE LACK OF WATER SUPPLIES AND WHAT'S BEING DONE TODAY TO SOLVE TOMORROW'S PROBLEMS. HSM

OCTOBER 15 – THE BULL CITY AND DURHAM COUNTY HAVE PARTNERED TO BECOME THE FIRST GOVERNMENT ENTITY IN NORTH CAROLINA TO JOIN THE PARENT “A HEALTHIER NC” CAMPAIGN. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH CAUGHT UP WITH ERIC NICKENS AT THE DURHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHO SPOTTED HER THE DETAILS ON THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE INITIATIVE. HSM

OCTOBER 15 – THE AREA'S BEEN FLIRTING WITH COOLER WEATHER OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, BUT WHEN WINTER DESCENDS UPON US FOR REAL, IT BRINGS WITH IT THE COLD AND FLU SEASON. SO IS THERE A WAY TO BLUNT THE IMPACT OF COLDS AND FLU? IT'S THE TOPIC OF BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ IN OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

OCTOBER 17 - JOE GRAEDON OF THE PEOPLES PHARMACY ON PRESCRIPTION AND OVER - THE - COUNTER DRUGS - HSM

OCTOBER 21 – MOTORISTS... TAKE NOTE: THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ARE COMBINING EFFORTS TO CONDUCT "OPERATION STOP ARM" OCTOBER 21- 25TH IN APPRECIATION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S FIRST SERGEANT JEFF GORDON TO TALK ABOUT THE WEEK-LONG ENDEAVOR. HSM

OCTOBER 21 – CHANGES IN HOSPITAL PROCEDURES AND A LOWER DEMAND SOME ELECTIVE SURGERIES AND IMPACTING THE DEMAND FOR BLOOD .. BRUCE FERRELL TAKES A CLOSER LOOK WITH BARRY PORTER FROM THE RALEIGH OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. HSM

OCTOBER 22 – A NEW SURVEY, SPONSORED BY MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS, FINDS MOST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (77%) SAY THEY DON'T DRINK ALCOHOL. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

OCTOBER 22 – WHEN WE'RE YOUNG WE RARELY THINK ABOUT THE END OF LIFE. BUT AS WE AGE, OUR OWN MORTALITY STARTS TO HIT HOME WITH THE DEATH OF OUR PARENTS -- SOMETIMES EVEN OUR CHILDREN. SO IF YOU COULD FIND OUT WHEN YOU'RE LIKELY TO DIE, WOULD YOU WANT THAT INFORMATION? IT'S THE TOPIC OF BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ IN OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

OCTOBER 22 – IN MEDICINE, AN ACCURATE PROGNOSIS IS CRITICAL FOR CARE-GIVERS TO DETERMINE THE NEXT STEP FOR TREATMENT. BUT FOR MEN WITH ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER (THAT HAS PROGRESSED AFTER HORMONES AND CHEMOTHERAPY) A GOOD PROGNOSTIC TOOL HAS BEEN LACKING ... UNTIL NOW. DR. SUSAN HALABI (HA-LAH-BEE) TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT RESEARCHERS AT DUKE CANCER INSTITUTE DEVELOPED A TOOL TO FORECAST THE POTENTIAL SURVIVAL, AND PROVIDE MORE ACCURATE INFORMATION ON WHETHER TO TRY ADDITIONAL ROUNDS OF TREATMENT. HSM

OCTOBER 24 – THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OBAMACARE HAS LEFT MANY WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING THEIR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH EDNA KANE WILLIAMS- WITH AARP- TO FIND OUT HOW MANY PEOPLE IN NORTH CAROLINA ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE, AND FIND OUT THE ANSWERS TO SOME POPULAR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NEW LEGISLATION. HSM

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OCTOBER 25 – OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGAN THIS MONTH AND RUNS THROUGH MARCH FOR THOSE LOOKING TO OBTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE UNDER OBAMACARE. AND, WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW AND THE PROBLEMS WITH OBAMACARE'S WEBSITE (HEALTH-CARE-DOT-GOV), QUESTIONS ABOUND. EDNA KANE WILLIAMS WITH AARP TALKED WITH WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TO HELP ANSWER SOME OF THOSE INQUIRIES. HSM

OCTOBER 25 – DR MYRON COHEN A UNC PHYSICIAN AND SCIENTIST WHO IS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR HIS WORK STUDYING THE TRANSMISSION AND PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS, HAS RECEIVED THE 2013 NORTH CAROLINA AWARD FOR SCIENCE THE STATE'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOR. DR COHEN SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. HSM

OCTOBER 28 – ABOUT 600,000 PEOPLE DIE OF HEART DISEASE IN THE UNITED STATES EVERY YEAR–THAT'S 1 IN EVERY 4 DEATHS, AND IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. DR. ANDREA

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OCTOBER 29 – NO DOUBT YOU'VE ALREADY STARTED SIFTING THROUGH HALLOWEEN CANDY... AND HALLOWEEN'S NOT EVEN HERE YET! AS YOU CAN GUESS, ALL OF THAT CHOCOLATE, TAFFY AND HARD CANDY CAN DO A NUMBER ON YOURS AND YOUR KIDS TEETH. DR. HAROLD KATZ D.D.S. TALKS WITH MARLA ROTH ABOUT HOW TO GET THROUGH HALLOWEEN WITHOUT JUMP-STARTING DENTAL PROBLEMS. HSM

OCTOBER 30 – "IF YOU LIKE YOUR DOCTOR, YOU CAN KEEP YOUR DOCTOR!", END QUOTE, AS STATED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA... BUT IS THIS TRUE? MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT SITS DOWN WITH AUTHOR AND MILITARY EXPERT LEE BOYLAND TO FIND OUT.. HSM

OCTOBER 30 – MOST OF US ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO EAT BETTER, HEALTHIER MEALS.. WHICH LEAD TO BETTER, HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES. SO HOW DO WE GET STARTED. IN PART 2 OF HIS INTERVIEW WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH GEORGE DAVEY ABOUT HOW HE WAS INSPIRED TO WRITE THE BOOK "THE PHILOSOPHY OF EATING : BREAK THE TRANCE. HSM

OCTOBER 31 – ON AVERAGE, TWICE AS MANY CHILD PEDESTRIANS ARE KILLED WHILE WALKING ON HALLOWEEN COMPARED TO OTHER DAYS OF THE YEAR... ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORT BY SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSES TIPS ON HOW TO MAKE THE NIGHT OF TRICK OR TREATING SAFER WITH THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SAFE KIDSWORLDWIDE... KATE CARR. HSM

OCTOBER 31 – YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT THE CURE AND PREVENTION FOR THE COLD AND FLU IS IN YOUR HOME...AND IT'S NOT NYQUIL. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. CASS INGRAM TO FIND OUT WHAT NATURAL REMEDIES HELP WITH COMMON WINTER ILLNESSES, AND TO SOLVE THE GREAT VITAMIN-C DEBATE ONCE AND FOR ALL. HSM

OCTOBER 31 – THIS WEEKEND, AS PEOPLE SET THEIR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THEIR SLEEP SCHEDULE MAY BE AFFECTED. SOME STUDIES SHOW THAT EXTENDING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME RESULTS IN A REDUCTION OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION... AS WELL AS AN INCREASE IN THE LIKELIHOOD OF DEPRESSION. JOINING US NOW TO TALK ABOUT HOW TO GET THE BEST SLEEP DURING THIS SUNLIGHT TRANSITION IS BRENT BRANDOW, THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT PARKWAY SLEEP CENTERS. HSM

NOVEMBER 4 – HOW MANY NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE USING HEALTH-CARE-DOT-GOV? AND, WHAT ARE NORTH CAROLINIANS THOUGHTS ON PRESIDENT OBAMA AND GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FINDS OUT FROM FRANCIS DE LUCA- THE PRESIDENT OF THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE. HSM

NOVEMBER 4 – FOR THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE NUMBER OF PREMATURE BIRTHS IN THE UNITED STATES HAS DECLINED HSM

NOVEMBER 5 – HEALTHY EATING IS A MAJOR CONCERN ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO KIDS' ALLERGIES. AND DOCTORS MAY HAVE FOUND A METHOD OF CURING HIV. HERE'S KERRI DAVIS WITH THESE STORIES AND MORE IN THIS WEEK'S HEALTH BEAT. HSM

NOVEMBER 5 – NORTH CAROLINA CHILD SAFETY ADVOCATES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A RECENT INCREASE IN DEATHS AMONG SOME 'TWEENS AND MIDDLE-SCHOOL CHILDREN. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE'S CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE, ELIZABETH HUDGEONS ABOUT THIS ALARMING REPORT. HSM

NOVEMBER 5 – WITH WINTER LOOMING AND THE HOLIDAYS IMPENDING, MANY PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING FROM ANXIETY... JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT'S AHEAD. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO PSYCHOLOGY

TODAY COLUMNIST BEVERLY FLAXINGTON...ABOUT HOW TO STAVE OFF THE HOLIDAY BLUES BY PRACTICING THE ART OF POSITIVE SELF-TALK. HSM

NOVEMBER 6 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - MIKE JAMES OF PERSON ST. PHARMACY ON ENROLLMENT IN MEDICARE PART "D"(PRESCRIPTION DRUGS) - HSM

NOVEMBER 7 – TESTOSTERONE THERAPY INCREASES RISK OF HEART ATTACK, STROKE OR DEATH BY 29 PERCENT, A NEW STUDY SAYS. DR. DAVID AGUS DISCUSSES WITH "CBS THIS MORNING" THE RISKS AND WHAT PATIENTS SHOULD DO. HSM

NOVEMBER 7 – THERE'S LOT OF TALK ABOUT HEALTH CARE LATELY... BUT, ONE GROUP HAS THIS MESSAGE -- DON'T FORGET THE KIDS. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH CHRISSY BLACKBURN PRESIDENT OF THE FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL ABOUT AN EFFORT CALLED SPEAK OUT FOR KIDS. HSM

NOVEMBER 7 – FOR SOME OF US, HAVING TO GET UP EARLY IN THE MORNING IS THE WORST POSSIBLE START TO THE DAY. FOR OTHERS, THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE, MAKING WORKING AT NIGHT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. RESEARCHERS SAY THAT MATCHING OUR BODY CLOCKS WITH OUR JOBS CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND A WASH OUT. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ LOOK AT THIS WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

NOVEMBER 8 – THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAS ANNOUNCED AN INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS SERVICES. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, DAVID RICHARD.SPOKE WITH OUR MARLA ROTH. HSM

NOVEMBER 11 – BY NOW, THE V-A'S BACKLOG OF DISABILITY CLAIMS HAS BEEN WELL-DOCUMENTED. WITH THAT IN MIND, ALLSUP, WHICH PROVIDES VETERANS DISABILITY APPEALS SERVICES, HAS COME UP WITH TIPS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT THOSE TIPS FROM BRETT BUCHANAN-A VA-ACCREDITED CLAIMS AGENT. HSM

NOVEMBER 11 – PRESIDENT OBAMA HOPED FIXING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S WEBSITE WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM, BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE PARTS OF THE LAW MAY HAVE TO BE REWRITTEN BECAUSE OF THE MANY AMERICANS WHO'VE BEEN CANCELED BY THEIR INSURANCE COMPANIES. CBS' JEFF PIGAYS REPORTS. HSM

NOVEMBER 11 – FOR NEARLY 90 YEARS, RESEARCH DONE THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HAS IMPROVED THE LIVES OF VETS THROUGH HEALTH CARE DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. JOEL KUPERSMITH (COOPER-SMITH) -- CHIEF R&D OFFICER WITH THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION -- TO TALK ABOUT SOME THE ACHIEVEMENTS. HSM

NOVEMBER 12 – THIS WEEK IS BLADDER HEALTH WEEK, AND DUKE RALEIGH HOSPITAL IS HOSTING AN EVENT THIS EVENING (TUE), FREE TO THE PUBLIC, TO TALK ABOUT PELVIC FLOOR DISORDERS (OR P-F-D'S). WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH A SPECIALIST AT DUKE, DR. AIMEE KAWASAKI, WHO SAYS THIS SOUNDS LIKE A TABOO TOPIC, BUT IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE FOR WOMEN TO LEARN ABOUT. HSM

NOVEMBER 13 – A NEW SURVEY TAKES AN INTERESTING LOOK INTO THOSE SUFFERING FROM FIBROMYALGIA (FYE-BRO-MY-AL-JUH). SO, WHAT IS FIBROMYALGIA AND HOW PREVALENT IS IT? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FINDS OUT FROM DR. ANGLEA GOLDEN. HSM

NOVEMBER 13 – YOUR ORAL HEALTH CAN TELL YOU PLENTY ABOUT YOUR OVERALL HEALTH. ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, PEOPLE WITH DIABETES ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO DEVELOP GUM DISEASE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. CATRISE AUSTIN- A COSMETIC DENTIST AND HEALTH ADVOCATE- TO FIND OUT WHY ITS IMPORTANT FOR THOSE WITH DIABETES TO MONITOR THEIR ORAL HEALTH, AND WHAT TIPS SHE CAN OFFER THOSE WITH THE DISEASE. HSM

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NOVEMBER 14 – THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY ISSUED NEW GUIDELINES DESIGNED TO LOWER THE RISK OF HEART ATTACKS AND STROKES, INCLUDING

RECOMMENDING THE USE OF STATINS TO LOWER CHOLESTEROL. CBS NEWS MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR DR. HOLLY PHILLIPS DISCUSSES THE CONTROVERSIAL RECOMMENDATIONS. HSM

NOVEMBER 14 – OBESITY IS CLEARLY A BIG PROBLEM IN THE U.S. BUT, HOW PREVALENT IS IT AND WHY IS IT SUCH A GROWING EPIDEMIC? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FINDS OUT FROM MEDICAL WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST DR. HOLLY LOFTON. HSM

NOVEMBER 14 – IT'S GETTING COLD OUTSIDE, AND THAT MEANS WE NEED TO HEAT IT UP INSIDE. IF YOU'VE GOT A FIREPLACE WITH GLASS DOORS, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY COULD BE AT-RISK SUFFERING BURNS. WPTF'S JOSH SPOKE TO SUE CROSBY WITH THE HEARTH, PATIO & BARBECUE ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN MITIGATE THESE RISKS. HSM

NOVEMBER 14 – DON'T TOUCH THE MICROWAVE AT WORK DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON! DR. KELLY AREHART WITH KIMBERLY CLARK PROFESSIONAL TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT A RECENT STUDY THEY CONDUCTED ON OFFICE SURFACES FOUND HIGH LEVELS OF GERM CONTAMINATION. HSM

NOVEMBER 15 – PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS COME OUT WITH WHAT HE SAYS ARE FIXES TO THE PROBLEM WITH CANCELLATIONS OF HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT... ABOUT 152,000 BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH CAROLINA CUSTOMERS HAVE HAD THEIR POLICIES CANCELED. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH SPOKESMAN LEW BORMAN ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. HSM

NOVEMBER 15 – PEDIATRICIANS RECOMMEND THAT CHILDREN OVER TWO YEARS OLD WATCH NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS A DAY OF NON-EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE ON THE RESULTS OF A NEW STUDY. HSM

NOVEMBER 15 – IT'S COLD AND FLU SEASON AND, EVEN IF YOU RECEIVED A FLU SHOT, YOU CAN STILL GET SICK ... ESPECIALLY AT WORK! THAT'S BECAUSE NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE WILL GO TO WORK SICK. DR. KELLY AREHART TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT A RECENT STUDY BY KIMBERLY CLARK FOUND HIGH LEVELS OF GERM CONTAMINATION IN THE OFFICE BREAKROOM, COMMON WORK SURFACES AND ... OF COURSE ... THE BATHROOM. HSM

NOVEMBER 20 – DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE'S POLICES BEING DROPPED BY OBAMACARE AND PRESIDENT OBAMA URGING PEOPLE TO EXTEND THEIR INDIVIDUAL PLANS, BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH CAROLINA SAID TUESDAY THAT IT WILL RATES RATES THAT ARE BEING EXTENDED NEXT YEAR. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH LEW BORMAN, THE SPOKESMAN FOR BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD IN NORTH CAROLINA, ABOUT THEIR DECISION TO RATE RATES AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS. HSM

NOVEMBER 20 – IF THE IDEA OF KEEPING A FOOD AND EXERCISE DIARY KEEPS YOU FROM JOINING A WEIGHT-LOSS PROGRAM, THERE MAY BE A BETTER WAY. TEXTING. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DORI STEINBERG A POST-DOCTORAL OBESITY RESEARCHER IN THE DUKE OBESITY PREVENTION PROGRAM AND LEAD AUTHOR OF A STUDY PUBLISHED IN THE ONLINE EDITION OF THE JOURNAL OF MEDICAL INTERNET RESEARCH. HSM

NOVEMBER 20 – DUKE UNIVERSITY HAS PARTNERED WITH RE-IMAGINE, THE FIRST COMPANY TO LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY AS A WAY TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OF SERIOUS ILLNESSES SUCH AS CANCER. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH THE COMPANY'S CO-FOUNDER, TINA STALEY, TO FIND OUT WHY RE-IMAGINE'S PILLARS FOR LIFE CURRICULUM IS IMPORTANT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. HSM

NOVEMBER 21 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - "CHILDREN'S PROMISE RADIOTHON" – HSM

NOVEMBER 22 – ALZHEIMER'S IS A GROWING PROBLEM IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH RUTH DREW- WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION- TO FIND OUT HOW MANY PEOPLE THIS DEBILITATING DISEASE AFFECTS, AND WHY THOSE NUMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP GROWING. HSM

NOVEMBER 22 – A NEW REPORT FINDS THAT THE RATE OF UNINSURED CHILDREN IN THE U.S. CONTINUES TO DECLINE, BUT CLOSER ANALYSIS SHOWS COVERAGE RATES FOR CHILDREN LAG BEHIND IN THE SOUTH. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH JOAN ALKER FROM THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, TO DISCUSS THEIR FINDINGS, AND GET A LOOK AT WHERE NORTH CAROLINA STANDS. HSM

NOVEMBER 22 – IF YOU'RE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE COUNTRY, PACK A DEFIBRILLATOR WITH TOOTHBRUSH ... BECAUSE RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE ANNUAL RATES OF U.S. CITIZENS TRAINED IN CPR IS LOW, AND RURAL AREAS TOP THE LIST OF COMMUNITIES MOST IN NEED. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE FINDINGS WITH DR. MONIQUE ANDERSON AT THE DUKE CLINICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE. HSM

NOVEMBER 22 – MOLECULAR TESTING MAY NOT BE A FAMILIAR PROCEDURE TO MOST, BUT THE EMERGING APPROACH IS HELPING ONCOLOGISTS AND PATHOLOGISTS CLASSIFY THE SPECIFIC TYPE OF LUNG CANCER IN PATIENTS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH LUNG CANCER PATIENT DR. MICHAEL WEITZ (WHITES) TO FIND OUT HIS STORY AND HIS EXPERIENCE WITH MOLECULAR TESTING. HSM

NOVEMBER 25 – WHAT DOES GIFT-WRAPPING, FAMILY AFFAIRS PLANNING, HEAVY TRAFFIC AND CONGESTED SHOPPING MALLS ADD UP TO? HOLIDAY STRESS.. OF COURSE.. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS ABOUT HOW TO RELIEVE SOME OF THIS STRESS WITH DR. EM' AY (AIMEE) SHUNNEY.. A WOMEN'S HEALTH EXPERT AND NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN. HSM

NOVEMBER 25 – NOVEMBER IS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, AND WITH THAT IN MIND, HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT AN EMERGING APPROACH OF DIAGNOSIS CALLED MOLECULAR TESTING. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH LUNG CANCER PATIENT DR. MICHAEL WEITZ (WHITES), WHO HAS UNDERGONE MOLECULAR TESTING, TO GET HIS STORY ON DEALING WITH CANCER AND THE ADVICE HE WOULD OFFER TO LUNG CANCER PATIENTS. HSM

NOVEMBER 25 – ROUGHLY 170,000 NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND THAT NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO GROW TO 190,000 BY 2020. THAT'S WHY RUTH DREW WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION IS TRYING TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE DISEASE AND THE BENEFITS OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS. SHE TELLS WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON WHAT THE TOP 10 WARNINGS SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S ARE. HSM

NOVEMBER 26 – AS THE FESTIVITIES PROCEED, SO DO COUNTLESS TIPS FOR KEEPING OFF EXTRA WEIGHT THIS SEASON. BUT, THERE IS ONE FACTOR MOST PEOPLE LIKELY WON'T CONSIDER -- POLITICAL CORRECTNESS. RESEARCH FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY'S FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SUGGESTS YOU COULD BE CHOOSING UNHEALTHY OPTIONS TO SERVE YOUR GUESTS BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO OFFEND SOMEONE ELSE..... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH PEGGY LIU IS A MARKETING DOCTORAL STUDENT AT DUKE UNIVERSITY. HSM

NOVEMBER 26 – LATELY, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL GAS LEAK INCIDENTS TIED TO CONSTRUCTION. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH LOUIS PANZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NC CALL 8-1-1 PROGRAM, WHICH IS COMBINED EFFORT BY UTILITIES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SUCH ACCIDENTS. HSM

NOVEMBER 26 – MATERNAL MORTALITY REMAINS A SHOCKING PROBLEM EVEN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY AND EVEN IN A DEVELOPED COUNTRY SUCH AS THE U-S. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH OBGYN DR. PRIYA (PRE-YA) AGRAWAL TO FIND OUT WHY IT'S SUCH AN ISSUE. HSM

NOVEMBER 27 – ALZHEIMER'S IS A DEBILITATING DISEASE THAT AFFECTS ABOUT 170,000 NORTH CAROLINIANS, AND THAT NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO GROW TO 190,000 BY 2020. AND, WHILE THERE IS NO CURE FOR ALZHEIMER'S, ARE THERE THINGS THAT CAN PREVENT THE DISEASE OR SLOW IT DOWN? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM RUTH DREW WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION. HSM

NOVEMBER 27 – WITH THE HOLIDAYS APPROACHING WEIGHT AND STRESS LEVELS RISE! HOW TO COPE IS THE QUESTION POSED TO DR. KEITH KANTOR, AS HE JOINS MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT TO PROVIDE TIPS FOR TURKEY DAY AND BEYOND. HSM

NOVEMBER 29 – THE KITCHEN, THE LIVING ROOM AND ON THE ROAD.. THOSE ARE AMONG THE PLACES WHERE THERE ARE GREATER RISKS AS WE DIVE HEAD FIRST INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON .. BRUCE FERRELL FINDS OUT MORE IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH KATHY MABE WITH ALLSTATE PROTECTION INCLUDING HOW TO COOK THE HOLIDAY BIRD. HSM

DECEMBER 2 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - MIKE JAMES OF PERSON ST. PHARMACY ON ENROLLMENT IN MEDICARE PART "D"(PRESCRIPTION DRUGS) - HSM

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DECEMBER 9 – NEW DATA SUGGESTS THAT HOME BIRTHS MAY NOT BE AS SAFE AS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE FINDINGS OF A RECENT STUDY WITH DR. HAYWOOD BROWN, CHAIR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AT DUKE. HSM

DECEMBER 9 – IF YOU HAD THE CHOICE BETWEEN TWO JOBS THAT PAY THE SAME ... ONE REQUIRES MORE EFFORT THAN THE OTHER ... WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DUKE PROFESSOR PETER UBEL (YOU-BELL) WHO SAYS PEOPLE MAY CHOOSE BORING JOBS IF THEY DON'T THINK THEY ARE BEING PAID ENOUGH FOR A CHALLENGE ... BUT MOST PEOPLE SAY THEY WOULD PREFER TO WORK IN A JOB WITH INTERESTING AND FULFILLING OPPORTUNITIES. HSM

DECEMBER 11 – WE'VE ALL HEARD OF FLU SHOTS TO PREVENT INFLUENZA, BUT THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS FOR WARDING OFF THE ILLNESS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH "AMERICA'S PHARMACIST" SUZY COHEN TO FIND OUT WHAT HOMEOPATHIC TREATMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO PREVENT THE FLU. HSM

DECEMBER 11 – CANCER RESEARCH HAS COME A LONG WAY OVER THE YEARS, BUT ESPECIALLY IN THIS YEAR ALONE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH JYOTI (JOE-TEE) PATEL - CO-EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF CLINICAL CANCER ADVANCES 2013 - TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS YEAR'S MOST IMPORTANT CANCER ADVANCES WERE AND HOW THEY WILL AID THE TREATMENT OF VARIOUS CANCERS. HSM

DECEMBER 12 – THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN FLU CASES HERE IN THE TRIANGLE. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY FLU SEASON TYPICALLY PEAKS DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. THAT MEAN THEY ARE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED NOW. WTVD TV'S ALAINA ATHENS REPORTS. HSM

DECEMBER 12 – WHERE DOES NORTH CAROLINA RANK IN THE LATEST HEALTH RANKINGS? WELL, AS WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM DR. REED TUCKSON, NOT VERY HIGH. HSM

DECEMBER 16 – THE LATEST HEALTH RANKINGS ARE OUT AND NORTH CAROLINA RANKS...35TH. BUT, NO MATTER WHAT PLACE THE TAR HEEL STATE IS IN, THERE ARE STILL STRIDES TO BE MADE IN BIGGER ILLNESSES SUCH AS DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, AND OTHER CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT HOW WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS IN THOSE AREAS FROM DR. REED TUCKSON. HSM

DECEMBER 17 – THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION MADE ANOTHER PUSH LAST WEEK TO GET GOV. PAT MCCRORY AND THE GOP-LED LEGISLATURE TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS AND ACCEPT FEDERAL DOLLARS TO EXPAND MEDICAID IN THE STATE TO AN ESTIMATED 377,000 NORTH CAROLINIANS. DURHAM MAYOR BILL BELL RECENTLY DISCUSSED HIS ADVOCACY FOR THE EXPANSION OF MEDICAID IN THE STATE WITH BILL LUMAYE ON TALK RADIO 850 WPTF. HSM

DECEMBER 17 – NUTRITIONIST JANE MCCLAREN TALKED WITH OUR PATRICK JOHNSON ABOUT A FOOD YOU CAN SNACK ON THAT'S A GOOD SOURCE OF PROTEIN AND FIBER. HSM

DECEMBER 18 – THE FAKE INTERPRETER THAT WAS ON STAGE DURING THE NELSON MANDELA MEMORIAL SERVICE HAS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE MORE THAN 1 MILLION NORTH CAROLINIANS WHO HAVE SOME FORM OF HEARING LOSS. IN PART 1 OF HER CONVERSATION WITH JAN WITHERS, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE'S DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING, DONNA MARTINEZ GOT REACTION FROM JAN, WHO IS DEAF HERSELF, AND WHO COMMUNICATED WITH DONNA THROUGH HER INTERPRETER, MONICA MCGEE. HSM

DECEMBER 19 – TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH (TFAH) AND THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION HAVE RELEASED THEIR LATEST REPORT ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AMERICA. WHAT WERE THE FINDINGS? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM RICH HAMBURG- DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT TFAH. HSM

DECEMBER 19 – BRITISH DRUG COMPANY, GLAXOSMITHKLINE ANNOUNCED TUESDAY IT WILL STOP ITS PRACTICE OF PAYING DOCTORS FOR PROMOTING ITS DRUGS, AND ALSO STOP PAYING DOCTORS TO ATTEND MEDICAL CONFERENCES.... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

DECEMBER 20 – WITH THE RATE OF DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS IN NORTH CAROLINA MORE THAN DOUBLING SINCE 1999. DR. BRET NICKS PROFESSOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AT THE WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF

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DECEMBER 20 – THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAS ANNOUNCED THEY WILL BE CUTTING MEDICARE HOME HEALTH FUNDING BY 3.5 PERCENT EACH YEAR FROM 2014 TO 2017. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH FORMER CONGRESSMAN BILLY TAUZIN (TOE-ZIN) TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH OF AN IMPACT THE CUTS WILL HAVE. HSM

DECEMBER 20 – WHAT DOES GIFT-WRAPPING, FAMILY AFFAIRS PLANNING, HEAVY TRAFFIC AND CONGESTED SHOPPING MALLS ADD UP TO? HOLIDAY STRESS.. OF COURSE. AND WITH CHRISTMAS LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY IT CAN PILE UP QUICKLY. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS ABOUT HOW TO RELIEVE SOME OF THIS STRESS WITH DR. EM' AY (AIMEE) SHUNNEY.. A WOMEN'S HEALTH EXPERT AND NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN. HSM

DECEMBER 23 – WITH THE RATE OF DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS IN NORTH CAROLINA MORE THAN DOUBLING SINCE 1999. DR. BRET NICKS PROFESSOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AT THE WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IS URGING FAMILIES IN NORTH CAROLINA TO STORE THEIR MEDICINES OUT OF SIGHT FOR THE HOLIDAYS. HE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. HSM

DECEMBER 23 – SOME OF THE NATION'S TOP DOCTORS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT VITAMIN AND MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS HAVE "NO CLEAR BENEFIT AND MIGHT EVEN BE HARMFUL." BUT BEFORE YOU GO THROWING OUT YOUR BOTTLE OF CENTRUM COMPLETE AND RUNNING LYNCH MOBS AT YOUR LOCAL VITAMIN SHOP, JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE NEWS WITH DIETICIAN ELISABETTA POLITI (AH-LISA-BETTA POH-LEE-TEE), THE NUTRITION DIRECTOR AT DUKE'S DIET & FITNESS CENTER. HSM

DECEMBER 23 – WINTER IS OFFICIALLY UPON US, AND WITH THE COOLER TEMPS ALSO COMES THE COMMON WINTER ILLNESSES...THE COLD AND FLU. SO, WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CARL AND JHOANE (JOAN) ROBINSON - THE CO-FOUNDERS OF CEDAR BEAR LIQUID HERBS - TO FIND OUT WHAT SOME GOOD HERBS AND SPICES ARE TO PREVENT THE COLD AND FLU. HSM

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DECEMBER 26 – THE PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED CHILDREN IN NORTH CAROLINA HAS REACHED AN HISTORIC LOW ACCORDING TO THE 2013 NORTH CAROLINA CHILD HEALTH REPORT CARD -- ISSUED BY ACTION FOR CHILDREN NC AND THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH LAILA BELL, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND DATA AT ACTION FOR CHILDREN, WHO SAYS THE NUMBER UNINSURED CHILDREN HAS DECLINED 30 PERCENT IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS TO 8.4 PERCENT IN 2012. HSM

DECEMBER 27 – WITH ALL THE GOOD FOOD THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, IT MIGHT NOT BE GOOD FOR US. PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH NUTRITIONIST AND AUTHOR JANE MCCLAREN ABOUT KEEPING YOUR SYSTEM CLEAN DURING THE HOLIDAYS. HSM

DECEMBER 31 – THERE ARE NEW CONCERNS ABOUT THE FLU. SO FAR 8 PEOPLE IN NORTH CAROLINA HAVE DIED FROM THE FLU. DUKE HOSPITALS HAVE BEGUN RESTRICTING VISITORS TO TRY TO KEEP THE FLU AT BAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. HSM

HO - Housing

IA- International Affairs

NS - National Security

OCTOBER 21 – IDENTITY THEFT HAS BEEN THE TOP CONSUMER COMPLAINT TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. IT COMES IN MANY FORMS, HIGH AND LOW TECH, BUT IT STARTS - EVERY TIME -- WITH OUR INFORMATION OUT IN THE OPEN. DAVID ELLIOT, DIRECTOR OF VICTIMS AND CITIZENS SERVICES IN THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT'S WHY THEY'VE LAUNCHED A SERIES OF SHRED EVENTS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA. NS

NOVEMBER 12 – A CARY MAN IS BEING LINKED TO A TERRORISM. 29 YEAR OLD BASIT (BAH-SEET) SHEIKH IS BEING CHARGED FOR TRYING TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES TO A GROUP ASSOCIATED WITH AL-QAIDA. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE STORY. NS

DECEMBER 11 – HAVE YOU NOTICED THE PRICES AT THE PUMP? FUEL IS EXPENSIVE AND IT'S EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE ON THE BATTLEFIELD. AND THAT'S WHY DURHAM'S EARL ENERGY HAS COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO COMBAT THE COSTS.... STARTING WITH THE BATTLEFIELD.. COMPANY DOUG MOOREHEAD. SPOKE WITH MARLA ROTH. NS

PA – Political Affairs

OCTOBER 1 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RAN COBLE OF THE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS. PA

OCTOBER 3 – THE LATEST HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA APPROVAL RATING IS UP A LITTLE BIT -- BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH HPU POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR MARTIN KIEFUR (KY-FUR) PA

OCTOBER 7 – THE LATEST HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL GIVES SEN. KAY HAGAN A RATING BELOW 40 PERCENT, EVEN THOUGH OTHER POLLS HAVE HER WELL AHEAD OF POSSIBLE OPPONENTS. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH HIGH POINT POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR MARTIN KIFER. PA

OCTOBER 7 – REPUBLICANS ARE GETTING BLAMED FOR THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, BUT CAN THEY COME OUT ON TOP IN THE END? BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD. PA

OCTOBER 8 – THE POLLS WILL OPEN TODAY FOR THE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND THERE ARE FOUR SEATS OPEN FOR GRABS. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS ON WHAT SEATS ARE AVAILABLE AND WHO IS RUNNING AND WHO ISN'T. PA

OCTOBER 9 – IN A RESOUNDING WIN, NANCY MCFARLANE HAS WON A SECOND TERM AS RALEIGH'S MAYOR. BRUCE FERRELL SPOKE WITH HER. PA

OCTOBER 28 – BUNCOMBE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PRECINCT HEAD DON YELTON RESIGNED YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) AFTER HIS INTERVIEW ON COMEDY CENTRAL'S "THE DAILY SHOW" AIRED EXPRESSING WHAT MANY WOULD SEE AS RACIST SENTIMENTS AND ALSO SAYS NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW VOTING LAWS WILL HURT DEMOCRATS BY MAKING IT HARDER FOR CERTAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE TO VOTE... CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL ANALYST FARUK OKCENTIN TALKED WITH WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON ABOUT THE ORDEAL. PA

NOVEMBER 5 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - RAN COBLE OF THE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLTICS - PA

NOVEMBER 12 – TRIAD RADIO PERSONALITY BILL FLYNN IS THE LATEST ENTRANT IN THE RACE FOR THE GOP SENATE RACE .. RAN COBLE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY POLICY RESEARCH TOLD OURTOM KEARNEY THE THREE LEADING CANDIDATES --THOM TILLS, MARK HARRIS AND GREG BRANNON, SYMBOLICALLY REPRESENT THE DIFFERENT FACTIONS OF THE REPUBLICANS. PA

NOVEMBER 14 – NEW POLLS OUT AND THE NEWS IS NOT GOOD FOR SENATOR KAY HAGAN AND THE PRESIDENT. PATRICK JOHNSON GETS REACTION FROM POLITICAL ANALYST JEANNE BONDS. PA

NOVEMBER 15 – WITH \$1.6 MILLION IN NEGATIVE ADS ABOUT SENATOR KAY HAGAN AND OBAMAARE, THE SENATOR HAS BECOME A CRITIC OF THE ROLLOUT OF OBAMACARE. BRIAN FREMEAN ALONG WITH SGRTODAY.COM'S BARLOW HERGET TALKED ABOUT THE MATTER. PA

DECEMBER 3 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - RAN COBLE OF N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS - 2013 - PA

DECEMBER 11 – THE LATEST SURVEY OF NORTH CAROLINIANS BY HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SHOWS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S APPROVAL RATING HOLDING STEADY --- BUT A LOT MORE PEOPLE STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THE JOB HE'S DOING.. WITH THE EXPLANATION, BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH POLL DIRECTOR MARTIN KIFER (KYE-FUR). PA

DECEMBER 16 – FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE 2016 DEMOCRATIC FIELD, BUT THERE ARE SIGNS THAT DEMOCRATS COULD EASILY SWITCH TO SOMEONE ELSE, SO SAYS THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. PA

DECEMBER 20 – PRESIDENT OBAMA AND GOV. PAT MCCRORY WON'T BE ON THE 2014 BALLOT, BUT THEY COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS WHO ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE. DONNA MARTINEZ TALKED WITH TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING ABOUT THE PUBLIC'S VIEW OF BOTH MEN AND WHY PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SINKING APPROVAL NUMBERS COULD SPELL TROUBLE FOR SEN. KAY HAGAN. PA

DECEMBER 27 – WITH THE NEW YEAR ONLY DAYS AWAY, ANOTHER ELECTION YEAR WILL BE UPON AND WHAT DOES IT FORETELL FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S JUNIOR SENATOR KAY HAGAN, WHO FACES RE-ELECTION. BARLOW HERGET FROM SGRTODAY.COM GOT SOME PERSPECTIVE FROM LONGTIME NEWS AND OBSERVER POLITICAL REPORTER AND COLUMNIST ROB CHRISTENSEN. PA

DECEMBER 27 – IT IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR TO LOOK BACK AT 2013... AND ON THIS WEEKEND'S EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, DON CURTIS TALKED ABOUT HOW GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY FARED WITH RAN COBLE FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH. PA

RE – Religion, Civil Service & Social Climate

OCTOBER 3 – TODAY STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY WILL HOLD AN EVENT ENTITLED "HIT THE BRICKS" FOR BRIAN PICCOLO WHICH BENEFITS THE BRIAN PICCOLO CANCER FUND DRIVE. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKES WITH KIM MCGRATH OF WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY. RE

OCTOBER 4 – SIX OF THE EIGHT PEOPLE WHO DIED IN THIS WEEK'S FIERY BUS CRASH IN TENNESSEE BELONGED TO A TIGHT KNIT GROUP AT THE FRONT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IN STATESVILLE. ONE OF THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONS TO REACH OUT TO THE CHURCH WAS THE BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION'S RAPID RESPONSE TEAM. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THE ISSUES THE CHURCH FACES IN THE WAKE OF SUCH A TRAGIC LOSS WITH THE TEAM'S DEPLOYMENT MANAGER AL NEW. RE

OCTOBER 4 – A PROPOSAL TO BAN GANG MEMBERS FROM PARKS IN WILMINGTON IS BEING DELAYED AFTER THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION RAISED QUESTIONS. SARAH PRESTON POLICY DIRECTOR WITH THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA SHARED HER CONCERNS WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. RE

OCTOBER 11 – FISHERMAN AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A PILOT PROJECT THAT WILL REMOVE ABANDONED FISHING GEAR FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA WATERS. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO COASTAL ADVOCATE LADD BAYLISS ABOUT THE CLEAN UP ON THE COAST. RE

OCTOBER 12 – THE PLIGHT OF HUNGRY FAMILIES IN NORTH CAROLINA IS AS GREAT AS EVER, BUT SOME AREA CULINARY STUDENTS HAVE COOKED UP A POSSIBLE SOLUTION. MIKE DAVIS HAS MORE. RE

OCTOBER 12 – THE PC MAY BE DYING BUT IT'S NOT DEAD YET. AND THE FACT THAT IT'S DYING, BUT NOT DEAD YET CAN CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS FOR YOU. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN ABOUT WHAT BIG PROBLEMS COULD AFFECT YOUR COMPUTER AND YOU. RE

OCTOBER 15 – HAS THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN NOW EFFECTED RELIGION? REPORTS SAY THAT CATHOLIC PRIESTS ARE NOT BEING ALLOWED TO HAVE MASS ON A MILITARY BASE. COULD THIS REALLY BE TRUE? GORDON KINGENSCHMIDT (KLING-N-SHMUTT) FORMER NAVY CHAPLIN, JOINS DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE "HOLY SHUTDOWN". RE

OCTOBER 16 – THE PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IS TAKING IT'S TOLL ON SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, LIKE WORK FIRST AND OTHERS, THAT AID MANY OF NORTH CAROLINA'S NEEDIEST FAMILIES. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH SHERRY BRADSURE, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF NORTH CAROLINA'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. RE

OCTOBER 22 – FORGET STARBUCKS, FOR SOME REAL INTERESTING CONVERSATION CONSIDER STOPPING BY A "DEATH CAFE". RE

OCTOBER 24 – THE FIRST SAME-SEX COUPLE IN NORTH CAROLINA HAS REGISTERED THEIR OUT-OF-STATE MARRIAGE DOCUMENTS LAST WEEK DESPITE THE STATE'S BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE. THEIR REGISTRATION HAS NO PRACTICAL EFFECT, BUT THEY BELIEVED IT WAS SYMBOLIC AND A WAY TO BRING ATTENTION TO

THE GAY MARRIAGE BAN. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH REVEREND JASMINE BEACH-FERRARA (FUR-ARE-RA), THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTHERN EQUALITY, ABOUT THIS COUPLE AND WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE PUSH FOR GAY MARRIAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA. RE

OCTOBER 25 – AN ESTIMATED ONE MILLION PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ARE A LIVING WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND 60,000 NEW CASES DIAGNOSED EACH YEAR. ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, TRIANGLE AREA RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PARKINSON'S AT THE MOVING DAY NC TRIANGLE WALK. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. NINA BROWNER, A UNC NEUROLOGIST, WHO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISE FOR THOSE WITH PARKINSON'S. RE

OCTOBER 29 – THIS SATURDAY THE LUNG CANCER INITIATIVE HOLDS IT'S "RUN WALK & RALLY," WILL ALLOW YOU TO HELP TO MAKE A CHANGE FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY LUNG CANCER IN NORTH CAROLINA. HEATHER HOOPER, DIRECTOR OF THE LUNG CANCER INITIATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA TALKED TO BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THEIR EFFORT, HERE IN RALEIGH ON NOVEMBER 2 AT NORTH HILLS. RE

OCTOBER 30 – HALLOWEEN IS THURSDAY -- AND THERE'S SOME NUMBERS WHICH SHOW MOST OF US WILL DO SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE.... BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH DR. SADIE LEDER (LEADER) ELDER, THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY. RE

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OCTOBER 31 – A SHERIFF IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA HAS AGREED TO CHANGE THE WAY HIS DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS VEHICLE CHECKPOINTS AFTER A CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP BEGAN INVESTIGATING. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH RAUL PINTO WITH THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. RE

OCTOBER 31 – THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING AND THE DURHAM RESCUE MISSION PLANS TO PUT ON A COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SPREAD. BUT... IN ORDER FOR THEM TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE, THEY'RE ASKING FOR HELP IN GETTING THE MAIN DISH-- TURKEYS AND HAMS. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSION ERNIE MILLS ABOUT HOW WE CAN PITCH IN. RE

NOVEMBER 4 – WITH THE WAR THAT'S GOING ON IN SYRIA, SOURCES SAY THAT PRESIDENT BASHAR ASSAD IS PROTECTING CHRISTIANS, WHILE AL QAEDA IS KILLING THEM... COULD THIS BE TRUE? TO FIND OUT, DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TALKS WITH COLLEGE PROFESSOR AND INTERNATIONAL COLUMNIST... AMIR GEORGE. RE

NOVEMBER 5 – AS OUR WEATHER TURNS A LITTLE COOLER, WINTER IS NOT FAR BEHIND. RIGHT NOW NUMEROUS BUSINESSES ARE COLLECTING COATS, BLANKETS AND OTHER COLD-WEATHER CLOTHING ALL OF WHICH WILL GO TO THE RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED MORE FROM THE MISSION'S LESLIE MILLET. RE

NOVEMBER 6 – AS PARENTS, TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR TEENAGER CAN SEEM LIKE TALKING TO A BRICK WALL. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH PARENTING EXPERT FRED GOODALL TO GET SOME TIPS ON HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR TEEN WHILE GETTING THEM TO LISTEN, AND HOW TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR ADOLESCENT. RE

NOVEMBER 6 – THIS WEEKEND WE PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR MILITARY VETERANS. ON SUNDAY, THE MILITARY CHANNEL WILL BROADCAST A LIVE FOUR-HOUR NATIONAL TELETHON TO SUPPORT OUR AMERICAN VETERANS SUFFERING FROM POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. JOSH ZACH HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH ONE OF THE HOSTS OF THE TELETHON ... ACTOR JOE MANTEGNA (MAHN-TAY-N'YUH) ... STAR OF THE CBS HIT SHOW, CRIMINAL MINDS. RE

NOVEMBER 6 – THE RALEIGH DANCE THEATRE PRODUCTION OF STORYBOOK TALES TAKES TO THE STAGE THIS WEEKEND AND IT'S A CHANCE TO SEE LOCAL DANCERS AT THEIR BEST. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH MEGAN MARVEL ABOUT THE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES. RE

NOVEMBER 7 – THE EXTRA SPECIAL SUPER KIDS BENEFIT DINNER HAPPENS TONIGHT AT THE STATE FARMERS MARKET RESTAURANT. RUFUS EDMISTEN FILLED IN BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT THE SUPER KIDS PROGRAM AND TONIGHT'S EVENT. RE

NOVEMBER 7 – THIS SUNDAY, THE MILITARY CHANNEL PAYS TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS WITH A LIVE NATIONAL TELETHON TO SUPPORT THOSE SUFFERING FROM POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. JOSH ZACH HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH ONE OF THE TELETHON'S HOSTS ... ACTOR JOE MANTEGNA (MAHN-TAY-N'YUH) ... STAR OF THE CBS HIT SHOW, CRIMINAL MINDS (AND THE VOICE OF FAT TONY ON THE SIMPSONS! RE

NOVEMBER 7 – A CASE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT WEDNESDAY TESTED THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CBS NEWS LEGAL ANALYST ANDREW COHEN. RE

NOVEMBER 11 – ON THIS VETERAN'S DAY, AS WE SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THOSE THAT HAVE SERVED AND ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY, IT'S ALSO A GOOD TIME TO REFLECT ON WHAT ISSUES FACE VETERANS TODAY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH MARTY CALLAGHAN- SPOKESPERSON FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION'S NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS- TO FIND OUT WHAT THOSE ISSUES ARE. RE

NOVEMBER 11 – WOULD YOU BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT PEOPLE CURB SMOKING AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN TIMES OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP? IT'S A FACT. IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT WHEN NORTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMY FLOUNDERS, FEWER TEENS BECOME PARENTS; RESEARCHERS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY POURED OVER TWO DECADES OF DATA TO MAKE THE CONNECTION. CO-AUTHOR OF THIS NEW STUDY -- ANNA GLASSMAN-PINES -- TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT BIRTH RATES DROP, *FOR ONE PARTICULAR DEMOGRAPHIC*, AND IT'S NOT A COINCIDENCE. RE

NOVEMBER 12 – TYPHOON RELIEF IS HEADED TO THE PHILIPPINES FROM SAMARITAN'S PURSE, A MISSION IN BOONE HEADED BY FRANKLIN GRAHAM, BILLY GRAHAM'S SON.. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS ABOUT THE EFFORT WITH BARRY HALL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSION'S DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM. RE

NOVEMBER 12 – THE THERMOMETER CONTINUES TO DROP AND SOON WE'LL ALL BE SEARCHING FOR NEW WAYS TO ENTERTAIN OURSELVES INSIDE. SO IF YOU'RE NOT A VORACIOUS READER OR A BIG GAME PLAYER, BUT YOU'RE AN ANIMAL LOVER OR A TRAVEL BUFF, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU. IT'S THE TOPIC OF BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ IN OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. RE

NOVEMBER 13 – IT'S NOVEMBER ... THANKSGIVING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER ... THAT MEANS WE'RE ON TURKEY TIME! BUT FOR THE THOUSANDS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WHO STRUGGLE TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE, THANKSGIVING IS JUST ... THURSDAY, A DAY LIKE ANY OTHER. THAT'S WHY ONE AREA COMPANY IS WORKING TO GETS TURKEY TO AS MANY FAMILIES AS THEY CAN BY NOVEMBER 28TH ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH REPORTS. RE

NOVEMBER 15 – MANY MEN AND WOMEN GIVE OF THEIR TIME TO PROTECT THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THEIR NEIGHBORS AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS .. AS PART OF THE THIS WEEKENDS EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS WITH DON CURTIS (SUNDAY AT 7 A.M ON NEWSRADIO 680 WPTF) .. STATE INSURANCE COMMISSION AND STATE FIRE MARSHAL WAYNE GOODWIN TALKS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR COMMITMENT. RE

NOVEMBER 18 – MANY MEN AND WOMEN GIVE OF THEIR TIME TO PROTECT THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THEIR NEIGHBORS AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS .. AS PART OF THE THIS WEEKENDS EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS WITH DON CURTIS (SUNDAY AT 7 A.M ON NEWSRADIO 680 WPTF) .. STATE INSURANCE COMMISSION AND STATE FIRE MARSHAL WAYNE GOODWIN TALKS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR COMMITMENT. RE

NOVEMBER 22 – IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO MALL LATELY, YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT A MONTH AWAY.. BUT, FOR MANY OF US, THE TIME WILL ARRIVE SOON TO START DECKING THOSE HALLS.. BRUCE FERRELL HAS THIS ABOUT THE GREENERY THAT MAKES UP THE CENTERPIECE OF THE HOLIDAY HOME. RE

NOVEMBER 22 – CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT PETER MAER LOOKS AT PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S INFLUENCE ON PRESIDENT OBAMA AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST 'WHAT IF'S' OF THE JFK PRESIDENCY, THE VIETNAM WAR. RE

NOVEMBER 25 – THE ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IS INVITING THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY" PROGRAM THIS HOLIDAY SEASON... WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSES THIS GIFT OF GOODWILL WITH REBECCA RAPOZA FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. RE

NOVEMBER 25 – THE NASCAR SEASON MAY BE OVER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY ISN'T STAYING BUSY IN THE OFF-SEASON. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CLAY CAMPBELL- THE PRESIDENT OF MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ONE OF THE TRACKS OFF-SEASON EVENTS...THE CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE. RE

NOVEMBER 26 – FAMILY -- AS THE SAYING GOES, YOU CAN'T LIVE WITH THEM AND YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM. AS WE ALL PREPARE TO BE THROWN TOGETHER WITH OUR RELATIVES... PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE SOME TIPS FOR KEEPING THINGS UPBEAT AND MEMORABLE FOR THE HOLIDAY'S. IT'S THE TOPIC OF BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ IN OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. RE

NOVEMBER 26 – "LIVING IN THE LIGHT WITH ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ" PREMIERS THIS SUNDAY AT 8:30 AM HERE ON NEWSRADIO 680 WPTF, AND SHE SHARED HER VISION FOR THIS NEW SHOW WITH OUR BRIAN FREEMAN. RE

NOVEMBER 27 – SECOND PARENT ADOPTION IS CURRENTLY ILLEGAL IN NORTH CAROLINA BUT THE ACLU IS TRYING TO CHANGE THAT. MIKE MENO WITH ACLU- NORTH CAROLINA SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. RE

NOVEMBER 27 – THE SEVEN FOOD BANKS IN NORTH CAROLINA FIND THEMSELVES WORKING HARDER THAN EVER TO FEED NORTH CAROLINIANS FACING FOOD INSECURITY. STEPHANIE CARSON REPORTS ON WHY FOOD INSECURITY IS IMPACTING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES'. RE

NOVEMBER 29 – IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO MALL LATELY, YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT A MONTH AWAY.. BUT, FOR MANY OF US, THE TIME WILL ARRIVE SOON TO START DECKING THOSE HALLS.. BRUCE FERRELL HAS THIS ABOUT THE GREENERY THAT MAKES UP THE CENTERPIECE OF THE HOLIDAY HOME. RE

DECEMBER 11 – NEW YEARS' IS JUST WEEKS AWAY.. AND MANY OF US WILL DO WHAT WE DO EVERY YEAR-- MAKE THAT RESOLUTION TO DO ONE THING.. OR STAY AWAY FROM ANOTHER. BUT IF YOU'RE LIKE MOST PEOPLE, YEAR AFTER YEAR, THE RESOLUTIONS FAIL... BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE FOR AUTHOR MARK BOWNESS -- HE KNOWS FIRST-HAND THE PRINCIPLES TO LONG-LASTING LIFE CHANGE.. AND HE JOINS WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TO TALK ABOUT THEM. RE

DECEMBER 12 – THE NUMBER ONE REASON DONORS SAY THEY GIVE BLOOD IS BECAUSE THEY "WANT TO HELP OTHERS." AND TODAY IS YOUR CHANCE TO DO JUST THAT, AT THE APEX BLOOD DRIVE. JIM VOGEL GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN "MAKE A DIFFERENCE." RE

DECEMBER 12 – THE FAMILIES OF OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN DEPLOYED OVERSEAS HAVE IT ESPECIALLY TOUGH OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON. WPTF'S DONNA MARTINEZ SPOKE ALICE FOREST WIFE OF LT. GOVERNOR DAN FOREST, WHO IS MAKING SURE SOLDIERS GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED. RE

DECEMBER 12 – BABY BOOMERS ARE SOMETIMES CALLED THE "ME" GENERATION, BUT A NEW ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACING BOOMERS IS TURNING THE "ME" GENERATION NOTION ON ITS HEAD. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. RE

DECEMBER 16 – WHILE POLITICAL ISSUES ARE USUALLY THOUGHT OF FROM "ELECTION TO ELECTION," ON A RECENT CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS BROADCAST, HOST DON CURTIS TRIED TO TAKE THE LONGER VIEW WITH N.C. STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR ON HOT BUTTON TOPICS SUCH GAY MARRIAGE. RE

DECEMBER 17 – HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN NEED IN THE TRIANGLE ARE IN DANGER OF NOT RECEIVING ANYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS. RED KETTLE DONATIONS ARE DOWN THIS YEAR AND THE SALVATION ARMY'S PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR LIZZY ADAMS TELLS WPTF'S MARLA ROTH... THE NEED IS GREAT THIS YEAR. RE

DECEMBER 17 – SECRET SANTA BRINGS PRE-CHRISTMAS CHEER. EACH YEAR AN ANONYMOUS KANSAS CITY BUSINESSMAN DONS A RED COAT AND TRAVELS TO DIFFERENT CITIES ACROSS AMERICA TO DISTRIBUTE \$100 BILLS TO STRANGERS. RE

DECEMBER 18 – THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS) IS OUT WITH ITS ANNUAL VOLUNTEERING IN AMERICA REPORT. SO, WHAT WERE THE LATEST FIGURES AND WHERE DOES NORTH CAROLINA RANK? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM WENDY SPENCER - THE CEO OF CNCS. RE

DECEMBER 20 – TIS THE SEASON FOR MIRACLES, DOUG KELLET OF THE MORNING DRIVE SPEAKS WITH BRUCE VAN NATTA, FOUNDER OF SWEET BREAD MINISTRIES, ABOUT HIS MODERN DAY MIRACLE. RE

DECEMBER 23 – THE ROBERTSON FAMILY -- OF DUCK DYNASTY FAME -- IN TALKS WITH A-AND-E ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE HIGHLY RATED SHOW... PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS WITH POLITICAL ANALYST FARUK OKCENTIN (FAH-ROOK OCK-SEH-TIN) ABOUT THE CONTROVERSY. RE

DECEMBER 26 – IN OUR 20S IT SEEMS WE HARDLY NEED MUCH SLEEP AT ALL. BUT AS WE GET OLDER, BEING TIRED IS A COMMON COMPLAINT. NEW RESEARCH IS SHINING THE LIGHT ON BEING TIRED, AND THE RESULTS ARE A BIT OF A SURPRISE. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ, HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. RE

DECEMBER 27 – TIME THROUGH THE AGES HAS BEEN ADAPTED FOR MANY PURPOSES. THE ROMANS WERE KNOWN TO CHANGE THE CALENDAR TO KEEP A POLITICIAN IN OFFICE LONGER. SOME CALENDARS WORK OFF MOON CYCLES, OTHERS DON'T. TODD GLEASON FILES THIS REPORT ON THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR AND HOW IT IS USED TO TELL TIME. RE

DECEMBER 27 – THIS IS THE SEASON FOR GIVING -- AND NORTH CAROLINA'S SECRETARY OF STATE ELAINE MARSHALL SAYS DOING A LITTLE BIT OF HOMEWORK WILL HELP YOU MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY YOU DONATE GOES TO THE CAUSE YOUR DESIRE. RE

DECEMBER 27 – THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN MANY OF US MAY BE CONSIDERING WHAT WE WANT TO DO IN THE YEAR AHEAD -- AND WE MAY WANT TO VOLUNTEER .. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH TRISHA LESTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR NON-PROFITS ABOUT HOW CHARITABLE GROUPS ARE TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEND A HELPING HAND. RE

SO – Social Media

OCTOBER 9 – AMONGST OTHER THINGS, OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH. AND WITH THE GROWING NUMBER OF US USING SMART PHONES, CYBER CRIME PRESENTS A GROWING ISSUE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH MICHAEL KAISER- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY ALLIANCE- TO FIND OUT HOW WE CAN USE OUR ANDROIDS AND I-PHONES WITHOUT WORRYING. SO

OCTOBER 28 – SO YOU'RE PLANNING A HALLOWEEN PARTY ... YOU'VE GOT JUST A COUPLE DAYS LEFT ... YOU'RE TERRIBLE AT PLANNING, AND EVEN WORSE AT ORGANIZING. NEVER FEAR ... GALILEO VIERA AT MICROSOFT TELLS JOSH ZACH THEY'VE GOT YOU COVERED. SO

OCTOBER 31 – TWITTER PRESERVES THE MOMENT IN PHOTOS, AND IS GOOGLE IS WORKING IN PUBLIC, IN SECRET? JOSH ZACH EXPLAINS IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF TECH TALK. SO

OCTOBER 31 – FINANCIAL PLANNERS TELL US WE NEED A RETIREMENT PLAN. CAREER COACHES TELL US WE NEED A CAREER PLAN. AND NOW PEDIATRICIANS ARE TELLING US WE NEED A FAMILY MEDIA PLAN. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ LOOK AT THIS WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. SO

NOVEMBER 6 – AMONG ALL THE OTHER ISSUES SURROUNDING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE, THERE IS NOW A WARNING OF A HIGH SECURITY RISK BECAUSE OF LACK OF TESTING BEFORE IT OPENED FOR ENROLLMENT. BILL LUMAYE DISCUSSES WITH LENWOOD BROOKS, POLICY DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC NOTICE, ABOUT THE SECURITY RISKS WITH THE HEALTHCARE.GOV WEBSITE AND WHAT THEY MEAN TO YOU. SO

NOVEMBER 6 – IN THE UNITED STATES WE'RE SURROUNDED BY TECHNOLOGY, SO IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE BEING WITHOUT IT FOR EVEN A DAY. SO WHAT'S IT LIKE FOR WITHOUT TECHNOLOGY FOR FOUR WEEKS?

BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN TO FIND OUT FROM HIS TRIP OVERSEAS. SO

NOVEMBER 13 – THREE 20-YEAR-OLD PROGRAMMERS CREATED, HEALTH SHERPA, AN ALTERNATIVE TO HEALTHCARE.GOV. WHICH IS STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF A MASS OF PROBLEMS. AND IT ONLY TOOK THIS TRIO THREE DAYS! BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN ABOUT WHAT LESSONS CAN BE LEARNED FROM THESE YOUNG MEN. SO

NOVEMBER 20 – SPRINT AND BEST BUY HAVE A BIG DEAL FOR STUDENTS THAT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. FREE TALK, TEXT AND DATA PLANS FOR A YEAR! BRIAN FREEMAN CHATS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN TO FIND OUT WHAT PLANS THEY OFFERING AND WHAT THE CATCH MIGHT BE. SO

NOVEMBER 26 – T'IS THE SEASON ... TO TAKE A WILD GUESS AT WHAT TO BUY AS GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. IF YOU HATE WASTING MONEY AND NEED SOME GOOD IDEAS, SHOPSMART MAGAZINE'S JODY ROHLENA (ROW-LINNA) TELLS JOSH ZACH THE DECEMBER ISSUE HAS A GREAT FEATURE: 25 GREAT SITES FOR GIFTS UNDER \$25. SO

NOVEMBER 27 – THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS THIS WEEK TO EXCITED ABOUT: TURKEY, STUFFING AND PUMPKIN PIE, BUT OF COURSE THERE ARE THE DEALS AND HUGE SAVINGS TOO! AND THEY AREN'T JUST HAPPENING THIS FRIDAY. NEXT MONDAY IS CYBER MONDAY WHICH MEANS A TON OF BIG STEALS ONLINE! BRIAN FREEMAN CHATS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN TO FIND OUT TIPS AND TRICKS YOU CAN USE TO SAVE BIG WHEN YOU SHOP ONLINE ON MONDAY. SO

DECEMBER 11 – AS PART OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK, AN ORGANIZATION CALLED CODE.ORG HAS LAUNCHED A PROGRAM FOR KIDS CALLED "AN HOUR OF CODE". IT'S INTRODUCTION COURSE TO LEARN HOW TO WRITE CODES FOR THINGS LIKE APPS, COMPUTER GAMES, AND MORE. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT KIDS SHOULD LEARN ABOUT CODING. SO

DECEMBER 18 – DOUG RAYMOND IS A POLITICAL CONSULTANT AND RECENTLY HE TALKED WITH PATRICK JOHNSON ABOUT THE TRAPPINGS OF SOCIAL MEDIA FOR POLITICIANS ON THE HEELS OF A TWEET THAT HAS ELICITED A WIDE RANGE OF RESPONSES FROM ALMOST EVERYONE. SO

DECEMBER 23 – THE U.S. AND CANADIAN MILITARY WILL ENTERTAIN MILLIONS OF KIDS AGAIN THIS CHRISTMAS EVE WITH SECOND-BY-SECOND UPDATES ON SANTA'S GLOBAL WHEREABOUTS. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR: PUBLIC CRITICISM. A CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY GROUP SAYS AN ANIMATED VIDEO ON THE NORAD TRACKS SANTA WEBSITE INJECTS MILITARISM INTO CHRISTMAS BY SHOWING FIGHTER JETS ESCORTING SANTA'S SLEIGH. MILITARY CHANNEL'S JOHN GRESHAM WITH HIS THOUGHTS ON THESE CRITICISMS AS HE TALKED WITH WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON. SO

DECEMBER 26 – WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS STAYS IN VEGAS, BUT WHAT HAPPENS ON TWITTER IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STORY. GREGG STEBBEN FROM MEN'S HEALTH TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT 'THE TWEET HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD,' AND THE REPERCUSSIONS THAT FOLLOWED. SO

DECEMBER 31 – THESE DAYS, TECHNICAL SKILLS ARE A REQUIREMENT FOR MANY JOBS, AND YOUR DIGITAL WIZARDRY CAN BE A TICKET TO A PROMOTION AND A RAISE. BUT OUR USE OF TECHNOLOGY CAN ALSO BE A TICKET TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINE -- WHEN IT'S NOT USED PROPERLY. IT'S THE TOPIC OF BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. SO

SP – Sports/Games/Races

OCTOBER 7 – GALE FORCE HOLDINGS AND NC STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY A NEW AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE SCHEDULING PROCESS AT PNC ARENA. THE DETAILS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WERE DISCUSSED DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH JIM RUTHERFORD, PRESIDENT OF GALE FORCE HOLDINGS, AND NC STATE CHANCELLOR RANDY WOODSON. SP

OCTOBER 8 – IN 2014 THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL WORLD WILL UNDERGO A MAKEOVER WHEN THEY IMPLEMENT A NEW PLAYOFF SYSTEM. AS ONE WOULD EXPECT THE COLLEGE SPORTS WORLD IS ALREADY FULL OF CONTROVERSY OVER THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE SELECTION, WHO WILL PICK THE TEAMS THAT WILL BE VOTED IN TO THOSE PLAYOFF GAMES. DEMETRI RAVONOS OF MAN FACT.COM JOINS MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT TO DISCUSS THE COMMENTS MADE OVER THE WEEKEND BY ESPN

COMMENTATOR, DAVID POLLOCK ABOUT WHETHER WOMEN SHOULD BE ON THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL COMMITTEE. SP

OCTOBER 10 – TERRY WATSON A GEORGIA-BASED AGENT HAS MADE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE IN HILLSBOROUGH TO FACE CHARGES HE VIOLATED THE STATE'S SPORTS AGENT LAWS BY PROVIDING GIFTS TO THREE FORMER UNC FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH HAYES PERMAR OF ACCSPORTS.COM AND THE DAVID GLENN SHOW. SP

OCTOBER 15 – AN INDICTMENT AGAINST A THIRD PERSON IN THE UNC FOOTBALL SCANDAL WAS UNSEALED TODAY/ON MONDAY. PATRICK MITCHELL JONES IS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO GET UNC DEFENSIVE END ROBERT QUINN TO SIGN WITH SPORTS AGENT TERRY WATSON. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON BROKE THE NEWS AND HE GOT REACTION ON THE POLITICAL SIDE OF THIS NEWS FROM JOURNALIST CASH MICHAELS. SP

OCTOBER 16 – NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH SYLVIA HATCHELL HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA. IN A RELEASE FROM THE SCHOOL MONDAY, HATCHELL SAID SHE WOULD TEMPORARILY STEP AWAY FROM HER COACHING DUTIES TO FOCUS ON TREATMENT. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DAVID GLENN OF ACCSPORTS.COM TO GET HIS REACTION. SP

OCTOBER 25 – WPTF IS YOUR HOME FOR NASCAR IN THE TRIANGLE AND THE HOME OF THE CHASE FOR THE CUP THIS WEEKEND IS MARTINSVILLE... TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE RACE AND FOR SATURDAY RACE, TOO... LOG ON TO MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY DOT COM FOR TICKETS... PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH ONE OF THE DRIVERS THAT WILL BE THERE ON SUNDAY -- DANICA PATRICK'S BOYFRIEND -- RICKEY STENHOUSE JUNIOR. SP

NOVEMBER 8 – OLD TOBACCO ROAD RIVALS DUKE AND N-C STATE WILL MEET IN FOOTBALL ON SATURDAY IN DURHAM. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH BLUE DEVIL SENIOR AND NORTH CAROLINA NATIVE -- ROSS COCKRELL -- ABOUT THE GAME. SP

NOVEMBER 14 – TWO MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INDICTED IN THE SCANDAL ALLEGING IMPROPER BENEFITS FOR UNC FOOTBALL PLAYERS. WTVB'S ED CRUMP DISCUSSES THE LATEST IN THIS SCANDAL WITH WPTF'S MARLA ROTH. SP

NOVEMBER 18 – FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1994 DUKE FOOTBALL IS RANKED IN THE POLLS AND, AS THE SEASON WINDS DOWN, CONTROL THEIR OWN DESTINY EN ROUTE TO AN ACC CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUP AGAINST FLORIDA STATE. FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S UPSET WIN OVER NO. 23 MIAMI, DUKE HEAD COACH DAVID CUTCLIFFE TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT HIS TEAM'S EFFORT THIS WEEKEND SPANNED 60 MINUTES IN ALL PHASES OF THE GAME. SP

NOVEMBER 22 – THE NASCAR SEASON HAS WRAPPED UP, AND ONCE AGAIN JIMMIE JOHNSON IS THE CHAMP. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CLAY CAMPBELL- THE PRESIDENT OF MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY- ABOUT THE 2013 SEASON AND WHAT HAS LED TO JJ'S (JIMMIE JOHNSON'S) DOMINANCE. SP

NOVEMBER 29 – AS THE CALENDAR FLIPS THROUGH NOVEMBER AND THE WEATHER GETS COLDER, IT MEANS SKI SEASON IN NORTH CAROLINA IS UPON US. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH SUZANNE BROWN- WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF TOURISM- TO FIND OUT WHAT SLOPES ARE ALREADY OPEN AND WHAT WILL BE THE KEY TO A GREAT SKI SEASON. SP

DECEMBER 12 – THE 2013 NASCAR SEASON IS IN THE BOOKS, BUT A NEW SEASON WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH NASCAR DRIVER JEFF GORDON TO GET HIS THOUGHTS ON THIS PAST SEASON AND THE CHALLENGES WITH THE SPRINT CUP SERIES POINT SYSTEM. SP

DECEMBER 16 – THE 2013 NASCAR SEASON IS OVER, BUT DRIVER JEFF GORDON IS STILL STAYING BUSY THIS OFF-SEASON...AND NOT WITH RACING. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH JEFF GORDON TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON A CAMPAIGN HE IS PROMOTING...THE SOUNDS OF PERTUSSIS. SP

DECEMBER 23 – THE EAST CAROLINA PIRATES HAVE ENJOYED A BIG SEASON ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD AND (ON MONDAY/TODAY) THEY ARE TAKING ON THE OHIO BOBCATS IN THE BEEF O'BRAIDY'S BOWL IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA. NCN SPORT'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH THE CAPTAIN OF THE PIRATE'S SHIP ABOUT ECU'S SEASON. SP

DECEMBER 26 – AFTER A 1-AND-5 START, THE NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS TURNED THEIR FOOTBALL SEASON AROUND AND THEY'RE IN THE BELK BOWL IN CHARLOTTE ON SATURDAY WHERE THEY WILL BE TAKING ON CINCINNATI. THE KICKOFF IS SET FOR 3-30. NCN SPORT'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED TO THE COACH OF THE TAR HEELS, LARRY FEDORA ABOUT THE GAME, AND THE SEASON. PATRICK ASKED COACH FEDORA WHAT TURNED THE SEASON AROUND? SP

DECEMBER 31 – THE DUKE BLUE DEVILS ARE LOOKING FOR THEIR FIRST BOWL GAME WIN IN 53 YEARS TONIGHT (TUESDAY) WHEN THEY TAKE ON TEXAS A-AND-M IN THE CHIC-FIL-A BOWL IN ATLANTA. NCN SPORT'S PATRICK JOHNSON ASKED BRAXTON DEEVER ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE IN PLAYING THIS YEAR IN A NEW YEAR'S EVE BOWL WHEN COMPARED TO PLAYING LAST YEAR IN CHARLOTTE. SP

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PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THIS WEEK WE HAVE FULL COVERAGE OF THE LEGAL DEBATE OVER NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW VOTER I.D. LAW. ON MONDAY, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER ANNOUNCED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGING THE LAW INTENTIONALLY DISCRIMINATES AGAINST MINORITIES AND IS DESIGNED TO KEEP MINORITIES FROM THE POLLS. YOU'LL HEAR HOLDER'S STINGING ALLEGATIONS. IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR GOV. PAT MCCRORY TO RESPOND TO HOLDER'S SUIT AND COMMENTS. YOU'LL HEAR THE GOVERNOR'S DEFENSE OF THE LAW AND HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE FEDERAL LAWSUIT AS "AN OVERREACH AND WITHOUT MERIT." OTHERS REACTED SWIFTLY TO HOLDER'S ALLEGATIONS AS WELL. YOU'LL HEAR COMMENTS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP'S REV. WILLIAM BARBER, WHO DEFENDED THE SUIT AND ALLEGES A SOUTHERN STRATEGY OF DISENFRANCHISING MINORITY VOTERS. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS FROM NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN CLAUDE POPE, WHO SAYS THE SUIT IS A POLITICAL STUNT. ALSO AT ISSUE IN THE LEGAL BATTLE IS WHETHER OR NOT NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER CAN BE RELIED UPON TO DEFEND THE STATE AGAINST THE FEDS. COOPER HAS OPENLY OPPOSED THE ELECTION REFORMS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND HE'S SOUNDING MORE AND MORE LIKE A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR HIMSELF. IN COMMENTS MADE EARLIER THIS YEAR, COOPER SAYS HE AND HIS OFFICE ARE PROFESSIONALS AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES. STILL, GOV. MCCRORY'S OFFICE HAS HIRED OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO ENSURE THE STATE HAS A VIGOROUS DEFENSE. YOU'LL HEAR GOV. MCCRORY'S CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL, BOB STEPHENS, EXPLAIN HIS CONCERNS AND WHY HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNOR HIRE OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. SO WHAT HAVE THE COURTS SAID ABOUT VOTER I.D. LAWS? TO FIND OUT, WE REVISIT A FEBRUARY DEBATE OVER THE PROS AND CONS OF REQUIRING A PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE. PANELISTS SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO THE IDEA ARE BOB HALL OF DEMOCRACY NORTH CAROLINA AND ALLISON RIGGS OF THE SOUTHERN COALITION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE. SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE REQUIREMENT ARE JOHN FUND OF NATIONAL REVIEW AND HANS VAN SPAKOVSKY OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION. AND FINALLY, THE POLITICS OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN WERE ON FULL DISPLAY DURING THE WEEK IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL. U.S. SENATOR KAY HAGAN TALKS ABOUT THE SHUTDOWN AND THE FIGHT OVER SPENDING.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH GREGG THOMPSON, NC STATE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES"

****ISSUES COVERED: NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; MANUFACTURING; GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY; SMALL BUSINESSES; JOB CREATION; THE RECESSION; STATE REGULATIONS AND TAXES; URBAN/RURAL AREAS OF NC; REGULATORY REFORM; TAX REFORM; HEALTHCARE; RECRUITING BUSINESSES TO NORTH CAROLINA; HEALTH INSURANCE; IMMIGRATION AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION;

SECURING THE NATION'S BORDERS; NEW REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ITS EFFECTS ON BUSINESS; HYDRAULIC FRACTURING AND ENERGY PRODUCTION****

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PEOPLE IN POLITICS

NORTH CAROLINIANS IN 23 COUNTIES WENT TO THE POLLS THIS WEEK TO CHOOSE MAYORS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS ABOUT STATEWIDE RESULTS WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE N.C. GOP'S ACTIVE INTEREST IN NOVEMBER'S CHARLOTTE MAYORAL RACE, RUMORS THAT SCHOOL BOARDS AROUND THE STATE MAY START ENGAGING IN DIRECT POLITICAL ADVOCACY, AND THE PLETHORA OF BOOZE-RELATED ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THEN MARTINEZ IS JOINED BY MATT BALES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION TO HEAR THE RESULTS OF A CONFIDENTIAL SURVEY OF LOBBYISTS AND BUSINESS ADVOCATES WHO RATED STATE LEGISLATORS BASED ON THEIR FRIENDLINESS, OR UNFRIENDLINESS, TO BUSINESS ISSUES. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE EMERGING POLITICAL PRESENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA'S DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER, WHO RECENTLY BLASTED REPUBLICANS AND GOV. PAT MCCRORY BEFORE A BUNCOMBE COUNTY GROUP OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOMEN, AND COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNOR ABOUT THE NEED TO HIRE OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO DEFEND THE STATE AGAINST A FEDERAL LAWSUIT OVER ELECTION REFORM THAT COOPER OPPOSES. NEXT IS A LOOK AT CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW AS THE U.S. SUPREME COURT CONSIDERS HEARS ARGUMENTS OVER POLITICAL SPEECH. THEN WE LOOK AT SEN. KAY HAGAN'S FALLING APPROVAL NUMBERS, AND WE VISIT THE POLITICAL SHOWDOWN OVER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND THE NEW HEALTH INSURANCE LAW. YOU'LL HEAR COMMENTS FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA, U.S. HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER, 5TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMAN VIRGINIA FOXX, AND 4TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH RUFUS EDMISTEN, LAWYER, AND MEMBER OF "EDMISTEN, WEBB, AND MOORE"

****ISSUES COVERED: AMERICAN HISTORY; WATERGATE; U.S. SENATE; LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; POLITICAL PARTIES; STAFFING FOR U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES; CONSTITUTIONAL LAW; NC BALANCED BUDGET REQUIREMENTS; ALLOCATIONS OF STATE FUNDS; HIGHER EDUCATION; NC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; STATE TAX REFORM; LOBBYING; CIVILITY IN SOCIETY; SOCIAL REFORM; PARENTING, CHILDREN, AND FAMILY ISSUES****

PA BLOCK FOR 10-20-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER FINDS HIMSELF AT THE CENTER OF A POLITICAL DUST-UP OVER NORTH CAROLINA'S VOTER I.D. LAW AND THE STATE'S CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BANNING GAY MARRIAGE. BUT SOME POLITICAL ANALYSTS THINK COOPER'S VOCAL CRITICISM OF GOV. PAT MCCRORY AND REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS IS AN INTENTIONAL MOVE TO JUMPSTART A CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS ABOUT COOPER'S SUDDEN PUBLIC PROFILE WITH THOMAS MILLS, DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL ANALYST, AND BECKI GRAY, VICE PRESIDENT FOR OUTREACH FOR THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION. THE TRIO ALSO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF THE PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND WHY NATIONAL DEMOCRATS ARE SO INTENT ON GETTING SEN. KAY HAGAN RE-ELECTED, AND WHY NATIONAL REPUBLICANS THINK THEY CAN SNAG THE SEAT AWAY. THEN WE FOCUS ON THE POLITICAL CONTROVERSY STIRRED UP BY A BUNCOMBE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS WHO IS OPPOSED TO NORTH CAROLINA'S BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE. THIS WEEK THE COUNTY OFFICIAL FLOUTED THE LAW BY ACCEPTING MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS FROM SAME-SEX COUPLES AND SAID HE INTENDS TO SEEK AN OPINION FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER. MARTINEZ GETS REACTION FROM TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VALUES COALITION, THE ORGANIZATION THAT LED LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO DEFINE MARRIAGE IN OUR STATE AS SOLELY BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN. FITZGERALD SAYS THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY OFFICIAL IS BREAKING THE LAW AND SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THEN WE TURN TO COMMENTS FROM GOV. PAT MCCRORY ABOUT PROBLEMS IN THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND NEGATIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF HHS SECRETARY

ALDONA VOS. THE GOVERNOR ALSO EXPLAINS THE \$750,000 EARLY STATE APPROPRIATION TO HELP STATE FOOD BANKS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED GREATER DEMAND DURING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. THEN MARTINEZ UPDATES THE RIELLE HUNTER STORY. THIS WEEK, THE MOTHER OF JOHN EDWARDS' YOUNG DAUGHTER WROTE ON A NATIONAL BLOG THAT SHE'S SORRY FOR THE AFFAIR. MARTINEZ ALSO SHARES DETAILS ABOUT A KEY REPUBLICAN STATE LEGISLATOR WHO UNEXPECTEDLY ANNOUNCED SHE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION. AND FINALLY, PEOPLE IN POLITICS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SCOTT BRIGGAMAN TALKS WITH DAN CRAWFORD OF THE PROGRESSIVE GROUP, THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS, ABOUT THE GROUP'S LEGISLATIVE REPORT, WHICH GIVES MANY LEGISLATORS VERY POOR SCORES.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD", PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

****ISSUES COVERED: THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION; CONSERVATIVE VALUES; HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH INSURANCE; OBAMACARE; POLITICAL PARTIES; AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT; FEDERAL DEFICIT; 2014 ELECTIONS; THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN; ECONOMIC RECOVERY; HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASES; IMMIGRATION REFORM; JOB CREATION IN NORTH CAROLINA; SMALL BUSINESSES IN N.C.

PA BLOCK FOR 10-27-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

ONE OF NORTH CAROLINA'S MOST WELL KNOWN PLAYERS IN GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM IS MAKING THE MOVE FROM POLICY TO POLITICS. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DALLAS WOODHOUSE ABOUT HIS NEW VENTURES FOLLOWING YEARS IN THE TRENCHES WITH AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE POLITICS AT PLAY WITH THE ROLLOUT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENROLLMENT AND WOODHOUSE TALKS ABOUT HIS WORK WITH THEN-CANDIDATE PAT MCCRORY IN OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT'S TAKEOVER OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE/HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. WOODHOUSE ALSO REVEALS THAT A NEW INDEPENDENT DOCUMENTARY HAS PROFILED THE POLITICAL AND POLICY RIVALRY BETWEEN HE AND HIS BROTHER, BRAD, WHO FOR YEARS WORKED FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE. THEN WE TURN TO COMMENTS MADE BY GOV. PAT MCCRORY WHILE THE GUEST OF THE WASHINGTON D.C. THINK TANK, THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION. THE GOVERNOR TALKS ABOUT HIS VIEW OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S LAWSUIT AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA OVER ELECTION REFORMS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE, HIS YEAR VISION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE PRINCIPLES BY WHICH HE GOVERNS. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE INCIVILITY IN POLITICS WITH RUFUS EDMISTEN, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA. EDMISTEN TELLS CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS HOST DON CURTIS HE'S FED UP WITH THE NAME-CALLING BETWEEN THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY PERSPECTIVE ON THE STATE'S TEA PARTY MOVEMENT FROM POLITICAL CONSULTANT DOUG RAYMOND. AND FINALLY, THE POLITICAL FIGHT OVER GAY MARRIAGE CONTINUES IN NORTH CAROLINA. TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE N.C. VALUES COALITION REACTS TO THE LATEST PUSH BY PRO-GAY MARRIAGE ADVOCATES TO BYPASS NORTH CAROLINA'S CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH DEFINES MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT SCHOFIELD", POLICY DIRECTOR, NC POLICY WATCH

****ISSUES COVERED: POLITICAL PARTIES; PROBLEMS WITH THE OBAMACARE WEB SITE; MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT; HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH INSURANCE; HUGE INCREASES IN COST OF HEALTHCARE INSURANCE; BCBSNC; TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER OF THE STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS; ECONOMIC RECOVERY; THE ENVIRONMENT; IMMIGRATION REFORM; NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING; LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; TERM LIMITS FOR LEGISLATORS****

PA BLOCK FOR 11-03-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

WHILE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS FIGHT IN COURT OVER WHETHER NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW REQUIREMENT TO SHOW A PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE IS CONSTITUTIONAL, N.C. STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR IS EXPRESSING CONCERNS OVER ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW, SHOULD IT PASS

LEGAL MUSTER. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH TAYLOR ABOUT HIS CONCERNS, AS WELL AS THE ROLE OF DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER IN THE VOTER I.D. STORY. COOPER HAS BEEN VOCAL ABOUT HIS PERSONAL OPPOSITION TO THE LAW EVEN THOUGH HIS OFFICE MUST DEFEND THE STATE IN COURT. THEN WE HEAR COMMENTS FROM GOV. PAT MCCRORY IN DEFENSE OF THE LAW. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT A PROVISION IN THE ELECTION REFORM LAW THAT HAS GARNERED FEW HEADLINES. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL ABOUT THE END OF PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA, HOW NORTH CAROLINA COMPARES TO OTHER STATES WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTING JUDGES, AND RECENT DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST FORMER MECKLENBURG COUNTY JUDGE BILL BELK, WHOSE LAW LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THREE YEARS. THEN MARTINEZ PROVIDES A NEWS UPDATE ON NATIONAL FUNDRAISING NUMBERS FOR DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, COMMENTS ABOUT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S OPPOSITION MADE BY BENJAMIN JEALOUS OF THE NATIONAL NAACP, AND AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN ENGAGEMENT OFFICE OPENED IN CHARLOTTE BY THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF TWO RANKINGS OF STATE LEGISLATORS' VOTES ON BUSINESS ISSUES AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. AND FINALLY, CONSERVATIVE COMMENTATOR AND AUTHOR ANN COULTER TELLS TALK RADIO 850 WPTF TALK SHOW HOST BILL LUMAYE HER VIEWS ABOUT THE RIFT INSIDE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH TONY TATA", SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

****ISSUES COVERED: NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; NC GEOGRAPHY; ROAD AND STREET MAINTENANCE; TRANSPORTATION; THE STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE; STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT AND LAW; LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; TRANSPORTATION FUNDING REFORM; JOB CREATION; JOBS FOR VETERANS; STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE STATE'S ROADS; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; UNSAFE BRIDGES IN N.C. AND PLANS TO FIX THEM; HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND STATE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS; NC STATE EMPLOYEES; KEEPING THE STATE'S ROADS OPEN DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER****

PA BLOCK FOR 11-10-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 14 PERCENT OF NORTH CAROLINA'S REGISTERED VOTERS CAST BALLOTS ON TUESDAY, ELECTING MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, AS WELL AS DECIDING BALLOT QUESTIONS. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON JOINS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TO ANALYZE THE MAYORAL RESULTS, IN WHICH SOME CANDIDATES BREEZED TO VICTORY WHILE OTHERS ENDURED NAIL-BITERS. THEN WE TURN TO THE LEGACY OF ONE OF NORTH CAROLINA'S MOST WELL KNOWN POLITICAL STRATEGISTS – JACK HAWKE – WHO DIED THIS WEEK AT AGE 72 FOLLOWING A BATTLE WITH CANCER. ONE OF HIS FRIENDS, FORMER REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE CHAD ADAMS, REMEMBERS JACK AND DISCUSSES THE LONG-LASTING IMPACT HE MADE ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS OVER FIVE DECADES. ADAMS ALSO ASSESSES WHAT'S AHEAD FOR NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS IN 2014 AND GIVES HIS VIEW OF THE "MORAL MONDAY" PROTESTS BY DEMOCRATS AND THEIR ADVOCACY GROUPS. THEN WE TURN TO NEW POLLING DATA THAT SHOWS BOTH PRESIDENT OBAMA AND GOV. PAT MCCRORY LOSING SUPPORT AMONG NORTH CAROLINA VOTERS. FRANCIS DELUCA OF THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE SHARES WITH MARTINEZ THE RESULTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNOR, THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY AND THE STATE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE WITH MSNBC HOST AND AUTHOR CHRIS MATTHEWS, WHO TELLS PEOPLE IN POLITICS CORRESPONDENT PATRICK JOHNSON THAT THE REPUBLICANS HAVE A DECENT CHANCE OF BEATING HILLARY CLINTON IF THEY AVOID A VERY CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE. AND FINALLY, 11TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN MARK MEADOWS LOWERS THE HAMMER ON VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AT A RECENT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING. MEADOWS TELLS THE OFFICIALS HE EXPECTS EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS, NOT LAVISH SPENDING ON EMPLOYEE CONFERENCES.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE"

****ISSUES COVERED: REDISTRICTING; 4TH DISTRICT; LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; POLITICAL PARTIES; REVIEW OF CONGRESSMAN PRICE'S TERM IN OFFICE; NC MANUFACTURING; OPERATING TEXTILE MILLS IN NORTH CAROLINA; FEDERAL RESEARCH DOLLARS FUNDING PROJECTS IN NORTH CAROLINA;

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGES; AFFORDABLE HOUSING; RURAL/URBAN AREAS OF NC; FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION; REVENUE FROM THE STATE GAS TAX; TRANSPORTATION; NC STATE RAIL SYSTEM; U.S. ENERGY INDEPENDENCE; U.S. RELATIONS WITH EGYPT****

PA BLOCK FOR 11-17-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THIS WEEK, A SHIFT IN THE POLLING OF THE 2014 U.S. SENATE RACE AS PROBLEMS WITH THE ROLLOUT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN A TOLL ON DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT KAY HAGAN. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS THE VERY LATEST SURVEY DATA FROM JIM WILLIAMS OF THE DEMOCRATIC POLLING FIRM PUBLIC POLICY POLLING. WILLIAMS DISCUSSES THAT HAGAN'S LEAD OVER HER POTENTIAL GOP OPPONENTS HAS EVAPORATED AND THAT SHE, IN FACT, NOW TRAILS CARY PHYSICIAN GREG BRANNON. WILLIAMS ALSO GIVES MARTINEZ THE LATEST NUMBERS FOR GOV. PAT MCCRORY AND THE REPUBLICAN-LED LEGISLATURE, WHICH SHOWS BOTH ARE FARING BETTER WITH NORTH CAROLINIANS. THEN WE HEAR FROM SEN. HAGAN ABOUT HER CONCERNS WITH THE BUNGLED ROLLOUT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND WHAT SHE'S DOING TO ADDRESS IT. SO HOW ARE THINGS SHAPING UP IN THE RACE? RAN COBLE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH ASSESSES THE GOP FIELD. IT'S NOT JUST SEN. HAGAN WHOSE APPROVAL NUMBERS HAVE FALLEN. PRESIDENT OBAMA IS SUFFERING IN THE POLLS AS WELL. CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT PAM COULTER LOOKS INTO THE DATA. THEN DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL ANALYST JEANNE BONDS REACTS TO THE DROPPING POLL NUMBERS FOR BOTH SEN. HAGAN AND THE PRESIDENT. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF RECENT GUBERNATORIAL RACES ON NORTH CAROLINA. PEOPLE IN POLITICS CORRESPONDENT PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS WITH MSNBC ANCHOR AND AUTHOR CHRIS MATTHEWS ABOUT WHAT COULD BE AHEAD. THEN WE TURN TO THE 2016 RACE FOR NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DEMOCRAT KEN SPAULDING OF DURHAM ABOUT WHY HE WANTS TO TAKE THE STATE IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. AND FINALLY, MARTINEZ TALKS WITH ONE OF THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR THE 6TH DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS NOW HELD BY HOWARD COBLE, WHO IS PLANNING TO RETIRE. HIGH POINT BUSINESSMAN DON WEBB TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HE WANTS THE SEAT.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH WAYNE GOODWIN", NC STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

****ISSUES COVERED: DIFFERENT FORMS OF INSURANCE; OBAMACARE; HEALTH INSURANCE; STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES; HEALTH INSURANCE QUOTES; STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE LEGISLATURE; HEALTH INSURANCE TAX CREDITS FOR BUSINESSES; IMPACT OF OBAMACARE ON SMALL BUSINESSES; STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AS STATE FIRE MARSHALL; "CAPTIVE" INSURANCE STATES; ATTRACTING BUSINESSES TO NORTH CAROLINA; INSURANCE FRAUD IN ASSOCIATION WITH OBAMACARE; CHANGES TO HOME OWNERS INSURANCE; STORM/HURRICANE/WEATHER RELATED INSURANCE CLAIMS; OTHER TYPES OF INSURANCE FRAUD****

PA BLOCK FOR 11-24-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE RACE FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S 6TH DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS IS GETTING CROWDED. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TELLS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ HE WILL SEEK THE GOP NOMINATION FOR THE SEAT CURRENT REP. HOWARD COBLE WILL VACATE AT THE END OF HIS TERM, AND HE DISCUSSES HIS VIEWS ON FISCAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES. THEN WE TURN TO THE RE-EMERGENCE OF JOHN EDWARDS. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT EDWARDS' DECISION TO GET BACK INTO LAWYERING AND WHAT HIS DAUGHTER CATE SAYS ABOUT ANY POTENTIAL POLITICAL FUTURE FOR HER FATHER. MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSS THE CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMENTS COMING FROM DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER, WHO APPEARS TO BE SETTING THE STAGE FOR A GUBERNATORIAL RUN, AND LEGAL PROBLEMS FOR THE HIGH POINT MAYOR. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE PLUMMETING APPROVAL NUMBERS FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA. CBS'S JOHN DICKERSON DIGS INTO THE DATA AND WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR THE PRESIDENT. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS FROM 4TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC REP. DAVID PRICE ABOUT ISSUES WITH HEALTH INSURANCE CANCELLATIONS DUE TO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT RULES. THEN YOU'LL HEAR THE DUELING ADS ALREADY

ON THE AIR IN THE RACE FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN. THE SENATE MAJORITY PAC IS AIRING A PRO-HAGAN AD, WHILE AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY HAS PRODUCED AN AD THAT QUESTIONS HAGAN'S VOTES. NEXT IS MARTINEZ'S CONVERSATION WITH CHAD ADAMS, FORMER LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND WILMINGTON TALK SHOW HOST. ADAMS OFFERS HIS VIEW OF THE 2014 ELECTION CYCLE. AND FINALLY, WE COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. YOU'LL HEAR THE PRESIDENT TALKS WITH WGN SPORTSCASTER VINCE LLOYD ON OPENING DAY OF THE BASEBALL SEASON IN APRIL 1961. MARTINEZ ALSO REPORTS ON SURVEY DATA ABOUT AMERICANS' VIEWS OF JFK.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT DORNEY", EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NC MILITARY BUSINESS CENTER

****ISSUES COVERED: NC MILITARY BUSINESS CENTER; THE U.S. MILITARY'S IMPACT ON THE STATE'S ECONOMY; FEDERAL MILITARY CONTRACTS IN NORTH CAROLINA; NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM; FEDERAL SPENDING AND SMALL BUSINESSES; NC SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION; ACTIVE MILITARY IN NORTH CAROLINA; VETERANS RETIRING IN NORTH CAROLINA; NC MILITARY BASES; CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ON NC MILITARY BASES; CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES ON NC MILITARY BASES; CONSUMPTION OF PRODUCTS ON NC MILITARY BASES; CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE GOVERNMENT; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES****

PA BLOCK FOR 12-01-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

ON THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, HOST DONNA MARTINEZ REVISITS FAVORITE INTERVIEWS AND COMMENTS FROM NOVEMBER. PUBLIC POLICY POLLING'S JIM WILLIAMS PROVIDES MARTINEZ WITH AN UPDATE ON SEN. KAY HAGAN'S POLLING NUMBERS, WHICH HAVE DROPPED DRAMATICALLY IN THE WAKE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WEBSITE PROBLEMS. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DEMOCRAT KEN SPAULDING, A DURHAM ATTORNEY, ABOUT HIS POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS. SPALDING HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL SEEK THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR IN 2016. NEXT ARE RECENT COMMENTS FROM MSNBC'S CHRIS MATTHEWS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON NORTH CAROLINA OF GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION RESULTS IN VIRGINIA AND NEW JERSEY. MATTHEWS ALSO OFFERS HIS VIEW OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HANDLING OF THE OBAMACARE ROLLOUT. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY AN UPDATE ON JOHN EDWARDS RETURN TO PUBLIC LIFE, THIS TIME AS AN ATTORNEY. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT EDWARDS' PLANS. AND FINALLY, WE REVISIT MARTINEZ'S RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH TWO MEN WHO'VE ANNOUNCED THEY'RE SEEKING THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR THE 6TH DISTRICT SEAT IN THE U.S. CONGRESS. THE SEAT IS HELD BY REPUBLICAN HOWARD COBLE, WHO RECENTLY ANNOUNCED HE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PHIL BERGER JR. AND HIGH POINT BUSINESSMAN DON WEBB.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN", DIRECTOR, PUBLIC POLICY POLLING

****ISSUES COVERED: POLLING IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA; RESEARCH; POLITICAL PARTIES; REDISTRICTING; POLLING OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN N.C.; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; THE STATE'S BALANCED BUDGET REQUIREMENT; FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION; THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR US SENATE SEAT IN 2014; CONSERVATIVE WING OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY; OBAMACARE AND ITS EFFECT ON DEMOCRATIC POLLING NUMBERS; THE ROLLOUT OF OBAMACARE; POPULARITY OF PRESIDENT OBAMA AND GOVERNOR MCCRORY; ECONOMIC RECOVERY; ISSUE OF CONSPIRACIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY; WATERGATE AND SENATOR SAM ERVIN; UNITING ELEMENTS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY****

PA BLOCK FOR 12-08-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS OPENED A CHARLOTTE OFFICE TO ENGAGE AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN NORTH CAROLINA. ONE OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE OPENING WAS SALISBURY PHYSICIAN DR. ADA FISHER, NORTH CAROLINA'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE WOMAN AND THE ONLY BLACK FEMALE ELECTED BY THE GOP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DR. FISHER ABOUT THE CHALLENGE REPUBLICANS FACE IN THE EFFORT, HER BELIEFS AS A REPUBLICAN, HOW OTHER AFRICAN AMERICANS REACT TO HER POLITICS, AND WHY SHE IS ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE TAR HEELS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. THEN WE TURN TO THE FOUR LAWSUITS THAT HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTION LAW REFORMS. JEANETTE DORAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HER GROUP HAS CREATED A SPECIAL WEBSITE TO ANALYZE THE CASE DOCUMENTS AND THE LEGAL ISSUES INVOLVED. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE LATEST SURVEY DATA FROM PUBLIC POLICY POLLING. TOM JENSEN TALKS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINIANS' VIEWS OF THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE LEGISLATURE AND THE DECLINING APPROVAL RATING FOR THE PRESIDENT IN THE WAKE OF THE FAILED ROLLOUT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. AND FINALLY, WASHINGTON EXAMINER COLUMNIST PAUL BEDARD TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT NEW DATA THAT SHOWS, DESPITE CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY, GOV. SARAH PALIN HELPED JOHN MCCAIN IN HIS 2008 RUN FOR PRESIDENT.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ANDY TAYLOR", PROFESSOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE, NC STATE UNIVERSITY

****ISSUES COVERED: SWINGS IN PUBLIC OPINION; POLITICAL PARTIES; OBAMACARE; FEDERAL DEBT CEILING; PRESIDENT OBAMA'S APPROVAL RATING; APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET; DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SYSTEM VS. THE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT; INDIVIDUAL PARTY NOMINATIONS; U.S. SENATE SEAT HELD BY KAY HAGAN; REDISTRICTING; PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2014 ELECTIONS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES****

PA BLOCK FOR 12-15-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

IN A SIGN THAT NORTH CAROLINA'S 2ND DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE COULD BE A REFERENDUM ON TEA PARTY INCUMBENT RENEE ELLMERS, BUSINESS ANALYST FRANK ROCHE HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL CHALLENGE THE TWO-TERM REPUBLICAN FOR THE GOP NOMINATION FOR THE SEAT. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH ROCHE ABOUT HIS RUN TO THE RIGHT OF ELLMERS AND HIS VIEWS ON KEY ISSUES SUCH AS THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND ENTITLEMENT REFORM. THEN WE TURN TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND EFFORTS BY THE WIFE OF LT. GOV. DAN FOREST – ALICE FOREST – TO HELP FAMILIES OF NORTH CAROLINA'S DEPLOYED MILITARY MEMBERS. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH MRS. FOREST ABOUT WHY SHE GOT INVOLVED, HOW NORTH CAROLINIANS CAN HELP, AND WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO THE LT. GOVERNOR AND HIS FAMILY. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE GROWING CANDIDATE FIELD FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S 6TH DISTRICT – A SEAT NOW HELD BY RETIRING REPUBLICAN HOWARD COBLE. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON PROFILES THE FIELD FOR MARTINEZ. HE ALSO PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON A LAWSUIT INVOLVING DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER'S 2000 CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, WHICH IS SET FOR TRIAL IN APRIL 2014. COOPER'S CAMPAIGN IS ACCUSED OF DEFAMATION BY THE FATHER OF HIS REPUBLICAN OPPONENT, DAN BOYCE, OVER A LAST-MINUTE COOPER AD THAT ALLEGEDLY DEFAMED BOYCE'S FATHER, GENE, A WELL-KNOWN NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY. MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSS THE RESIGNATION OF DEMOCRATIC STATE LEGISLATOR DEB MCMANUS OF CHATHAM AND LEE COUNTIES. MCMANUS WAS ARRESTED ON ALLEGATIONS OF EMBEZZLEMENT AND QUICKLY RESIGNED HER HOUSE SEAT. AND FINALLY, NC STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR OFFERS HIS VIEW OF THE BACK-AND-FORTH POLLING DATA ON DISSATISFACTION WITH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ALIKE

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH JOHN SKVARLA", SECRETARY OF NC DENR

****ISSUES COVERED: WETLANDS; STREAM RESTORATION; STATE GOVERNMENT; COORDINATING AGENCIES WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT; STATE REVENUE AND EFFICIENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT; STATE BUDGET; THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLEAN WATER AND AIR INITIATIVES; STATE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS; NC

DENR'S OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES; PROTECTING THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENT; STATE PERMITS; MAKING THE STATE ATTRACTIVE FOR BUSINESS; "WIND" POWER PROJECTS****

PA BLOCK FOR 12-22-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE 2014 ELECTION SEASON IS ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY IN EARNEST. TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING SETS THE STAGE FOR HOST DONNA MARTINEZ WITH A LOOK AT THE LATEST POLLING DATA ON THE U.S. SENATE RACE FOR THE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN, KEY NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL RACES, AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE. JENSEN EXPLAINS WHY TWO MEN WHO WON'T BE ON THE BALLOT – PRESIDENT OBAMA AND GOV. PAT MCCRORY – COULD IMPACT WHO WINS AND WHO LOSES IN 2014. THEN WE TURN TO EARLY SUPPORT FOR SENATOR KAY HAGAN FROM THE NATIONAL GROUP, SENATE MAJORITY PAC, WHICH HAS BEEN RUNNING A TV AD PRAISING HAGAN AND CALLING OUT THE MAN HER TEAM SEEMS TO THINK WILL SECURE THE GOP NOMINATION: HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS. YOU'LL HEAR THE HAGAN AD, ALONG WITH TILLIS' REACTION THAT HE'S HAPPY TO BE TARGETED BY HAGAN AND NATIONAL DEMOCRATS. NEXT ARE COMMENTS FROM GOV. PAT MCCRORY, WHO ASSESSES HIS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE AND DELIVERS A HOLIDAY MESSAGE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY MARTINEZ' CONVERSATION WITH ARTHUR RICH, A REPUBLICAN SEEKING THE GOP NOMINATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S 1ST DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS. DEMOCRAT G.K. BUTTERFIELD CURRENTLY HOLDS THAT SEAT, BUT RICH TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HE THINKS IT'S TIME FOR NEW IDEAS AND REPRESENTATION FOR EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. AND FINALLY, MARTINEZ GETS AN UPDATE ON THE COURTROOM DRAMA FOR "MORAL MONDAY" PROTESTERS WHO WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED EARLIER IN THE YEAR AFTER REFUSING TO DISPERSE AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE. RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL SHARES WHAT'S TAKEN PLACE IN THE WAKE COUNTY COURTROOM AS THE PROTESTERS' CASES HAVE BEGUN TO MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE SYSTEM.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH NC AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER, STEVE TROXLER"

****ISSUES COVERED: CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS AND CHRISTMAS TREE PRODUCTION; STATE GOVERNMENT; STATE COMMODITIES; NC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS; "GOT TO BE NC" PROGRAM; EXPORTING STATE'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS; RENEWABLE FUELS; NC PEANUT PRODUCTION; NC COTTON PRODUCTION; NC FAMILY FARMS AND CORPORATE FARMS; U.S. FARM BILL; YOUTH INTEREST IN FARMING; SPECIALTY CROPS****

PA BLOCK FOR 12-29-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS HAS ORDERED A NEW ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE DUE TO LARGE NUMBERS OF PROBLEMS AND IRREGULARITIES. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ BRINGS US THE STORY, ALONG WITH NEWS OF REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE LEADERS GETTING OUTSIDE LEGAL HELP FOR THE DEFENSE IF THE 2012 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT DEFINED MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN, AND REP. MEL WATT'S IMPENDING RESIGNATION FROM HIS 12TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL SEAT. THEN HOUSE SPEAKER PRO TEM PAUL "SKIP" STAM, R-WAKE, TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HE BELIEVES LEGAL CHALLENGES TO THE STATE'S NEW OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS WILL PASS LEGAL MUSTER. HE ALSO ASSESSES THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND DISCUSSES WHAT MAY BE AHEAD FOR CONTROVERSIAL FILM TAX CREDITS OFFERED BY THE STATE TO THE FILM AND TV INDUSTRY. THEN TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING SETS THE STATE FOR THE 2014 ELECTION CYCLE WITH THE LATEST DATA ON HOW NORTH CAROLINIANS PERCEIVE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. HE ALSO TELLS MARTINEZ WHY PRESIDENT OBAMA'S LOW APPROVAL RATING COULD SPELL TROUBLE FOR DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT SEN. KAY HAGAN, WHOSE SEAT IS UP FOR ELECTION.

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